

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 336—ASSEMBLYMEN GONZÁLEZ, THOMAS,
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Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing driver authorization
cards. (BDR 43-837)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to driver authorization cards; revising provisions governing the renewal of driver authorization cards; removing the prohibition against using a driver authorization card for certain state and local purposes; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law authorizes a person who is not eligible for a driver’s license in this State to apply instead for a driver authorization card. Existing law: (1) provides that a driver authorization card expires on the fourth anniversary of the holder’s birthday, measured from the birthday nearest the date of issuance or renewal; and (2) prohibits a driver authorization card from being used to determine eligibility for any benefits, licenses or services issued or provided by this State or its political subdivisions. (NRS 483.291) **Sections 1 and 2** of this bill change the expiration date of a driver authorization card so that, instead of every 4 years, a driver authorization card expires as prescribed by regulations adopted by the Department of Motor Vehicles for the expiration of drivers’ licenses. **Section 2** requires that, to the extent consistent with federal law, the regulations adopted by the Department ensure that the period between the issuance and expiration of a driver authorization card is equal to the period between the issuance and expiration of a driver’s license.

Section 1 also removes the prohibition against a driver authorization card being used to determine eligibility for benefits, licenses or services issued or provided by the State or its political subdivisions.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 483.291 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.291 1. An application for an instruction permit or for a driver authorization card must:

(a) Be made upon a form furnished by the Department.

(b) Be verified by the applicant before a person authorized to administer oaths. Officers and employees of the Department may administer those oaths without charge.

(c) Be accompanied by the required fee.

(d) State the name, date of birth, sex and residence address of the applicant and briefly describe the applicant.

(e) State whether the applicant has theretofore been licensed as a driver, and, if so, when and by what state or country, and whether any such license has ever been suspended or revoked, or whether an application has ever been refused, and, if so, the date of and reason for the suspension, revocation or refusal.

(f) Include such other information as the Department may require to determine the competency and eligibility of the applicant.

2. Every applicant must furnish proof of his or her name and age by displaying an original or certified copy of:

(a) Any one of the following documents:

(1) A birth certificate issued by a state or a political subdivision of a state;

(2) A driver's license issued by another state which is issued pursuant to the standards established by 6 C.F.R. Part 37, Subparts A to E, inclusive, and which contains a security mark approved by the United States Department of Homeland Security in accordance with 6 C.F.R. § 37.17;

(3) A passport issued by the United States Government;

(4) A military identification card or military dependent identification card issued by any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States;

(5) For persons who served in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, a report of separation;

(6) A Certificate of Degree of Indian or Alaska Native Blood issued by the United States Government;

(7) A Certificate of Citizenship, Certificate of Naturalization, Permanent Resident Card or Temporary Resident Card issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services of the Department of Homeland Security;

(8) A Consular Report of Birth Abroad issued by the Department of State;



(9) A document issued by the Department pursuant to NRS 483.375 or 483.8605; or

(10) Such other documentation as specified by the Department by regulation; or

(b) Any two of the following documents:

(1) A driver's license issued by another state other than such a driver's license described in subparagraph (2) of paragraph (a);

(2) A passport issued by a foreign government;

(3) A birth certificate issued by a foreign government;

(4) A consular identification card issued by the Government of Mexico or a document issued by another government that the Department determines is substantially similar; or

(5) Any other proof acceptable to the Department.

➤ No document which is written in a language other than English may be accepted by the Department pursuant to this subsection unless it is accompanied by a verified translation of the document in the English language.

3. Every applicant must prove his or her residence in this State by displaying an original or certified copy of any two of the following documents:

(a) A receipt from the rent or lease of a residence located in this State;

(b) A record from a public utility for a service address located in this State which is dated within the previous 60 days;

(c) A bank or credit card statement indicating a residential address located in this State which is dated within the previous 60 days;

(d) A stub from an employment check indicating a residential address located in this State;

(e) A document issued by an insurance company or its agent, including, without limitation, an insurance card, binder or bill, indicating a residential address located in this State;

(f) A record, receipt or bill from a medical provider indicating a residential address located in this State; or

(g) Any other document as prescribed by the Department by regulation.

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, a driver authorization card or instruction permit obtained in accordance with this section must:

(a) Contain the same information as prescribed for a driver's license pursuant to NRS 483.340 and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto;

(b) Be of the same design as a driver's license and contain only the minimum number of changes from that design that are necessary to comply with subsection 5; and



(c) Be numbered from the same sequence of numbers as a driver's license.

5. A driver authorization card or instruction permit obtained in accordance with this section must comply with the requirements of section 202(d)(11) of the Real ID Act of 2005, Public Law 109-13, Division B, Title II, 119 Stat. 302, 312-15, 49 U.S.C. § 30301 note.

6. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 483.380, every driver authorization card:

(a) Expires ~~on the fourth anniversary of the holder's birthday, measured in the case of initial issuance or renewal from the birthday nearest the date of issuance or renewal.~~ *as prescribed by regulations adopted by the Department pursuant to NRS 483.380.*

(b) Is renewable at any time before its expiration upon application and payment of the required fee. ~~[The Department may, by regulation, defer the expiration of the driver authorization card of a person who is on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States upon such terms and conditions as it may prescribe. The Department may similarly defer the expiration of the driver authorization card of the spouse or dependent son or daughter of that person if the spouse or child is residing with the person.]~~

7. ~~[A driver authorization card shall not be used to determine eligibility for any benefits, licenses or services issued or provided by this State or its political subdivisions.~~

~~—8.]~~ Except as otherwise provided in this section or by specific statute, any provision of this title that applies to drivers' licenses shall be deemed to apply to a driver authorization card and an instruction permit obtained in accordance with this section.

Sec. 2. NRS 483.380 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.380 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 483.283, every driver's license *and driver authorization card* expires as prescribed by regulation.

2. The Department shall adopt regulations prescribing when a driver's license ~~[expires.]~~ *and driver authorization card expire.* The Department may, by regulation, defer the expiration of the driver's license *or driver authorization card* of a person who is on active duty in the Armed Forces upon such terms and conditions as it may prescribe. The Department may similarly defer the expiration of the *driver's license or driver authorization card* of the spouse or dependent son or daughter of that person if the spouse or child is residing with the person.

3. *Except as otherwise required by federal law, the regulations required pursuant to subsection 2 must ensure that the period between the issuance and expiration of a driver authorization card is equal to the period between the issuance and expiration of a driver's license.*



- 1 **Sec. 3.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and
2 approval.
3 2. Sections 1 and 2 of this act become effective:
4 (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any
5 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
6 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and
7 (b) On January 1, 2024, for all other purposes.

