

Senate Bill No. 303—Senators Denis, Kihuen, Roberson, Ford, Segerblom; Atkinson, Hammond, Hardy, Hutchison, Jones, Manendo, Parks, Smith, Spearman and Woodhouse

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CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; providing for the issuance of a driver authorization card; establishing the contents of an application for a driver authorization card and certain instruction permits; establishing the information that must be contained on a driver authorization card and similarly obtained instruction permits; providing for the expiration and renewal of a driver authorization card; providing that certain provisions of state law which apply to drivers' licenses also apply to a driver authorization card and similarly obtained instruction permits; making an appropriation; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Under existing law, the Department of Motor Vehicles issues multiple licenses that confer to a person the privilege of operating a vehicle, including a driver's license, instruction permit, commercial driver's license and certain limited or restricted driver's licenses or instruction permits. (NRS 483.2521, 483.267, 483.270, 483.280, 483.340, 483.360, 483.908) The federal Real ID Act of 2005 requires any driver's license or identification card issued by a state to meet certain standards to be used for federal identification or other official purposes and allows for a state to issue driver's licenses or identification cards that do not meet such standards if such licenses or cards are of a unique design and clearly state that they may not be used for federal identification or other official purposes. (Real ID Act of 2005 § 202, Pub. Law No. 109-13, 119 Stat. 302, 312-15, 49 U.S.C. 30301 note)

**Section 5** of this bill sets forth requirements for applications for driver authorization cards and alternative requirements for applications for instruction permits. **Section 5** establishes the information that must be included in such applications, including, without limitation, documents that must be submitted to prove the applicant's name, age and residence in this State. **Section 5** allows an applicant to present various documents, including, without limitation, a birth certificate or passport issued by a foreign government, as proof of his or her name and age. **Section 5** provides that a driver authorization card expires 1 year after issuance or renewal. **Section 5** requires that a driver authorization card and an instruction permit obtained in accordance with **section 5** be of the same design as a driver's license with only the minimum number of changes necessary to comply with the federal Real ID Act of 2005. **Section 5** provides that any provision of title 43 of NRS that applies to a driver's license is deemed also to apply to a driver authorization card and an instruction permit obtained in accordance with **section 5**.



**Section 1** of this bill prohibits the Director of the Department from releasing any information from the files and records of the Department relating to legal presence to any person or federal, state or local governmental entity for any purpose relating to the enforcement of immigration laws.

**Section 12** of this bill makes an appropriation from the State Highway Fund to the Department of Motor Vehicles to pay the costs of developing and issuing driver authorization cards and similarly obtained instruction permits.

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

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

**Section 1.** NRS 481.063 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
481.063 1. The Director may charge and collect reasonable fees for official publications of the Department and from persons making use of files and records of the Department or its various divisions for a private purpose. All money so collected must be deposited in the State Treasury for credit to the Motor Vehicle Fund.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, the Director may release personal information, except a photograph, from a file or record relating to the driver's license, identification card, or title or registration of a vehicle of a person if the requester submits a written release from the person who holds a lien on the vehicle, or an agent of that person, or the person about whom the information is requested which is dated not more than 90 days before the date of the request. The written release must be in a form required by the Director.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 4, the Director shall not release to any person who is not a representative of the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and Human Services or an officer, employee or agent of a law enforcement agency, an agent of the public defender's office or an agency of a local government which collects fines imposed for parking violations, who is not conducting an investigation pursuant to NRS 253.0415 or 253.220, who is not authorized to transact insurance pursuant to chapter 680A of NRS or who is not licensed as a private investigator pursuant to chapter 648 of NRS and conducting an investigation of an insurance claim:

(a) A list which includes license plate numbers combined with any other information in the records or files of the Department;

(b) The social security number of any person, if it is requested to facilitate the solicitation of that person to purchase a product or service; or



(c) The name, address, telephone number or any other personally identifiable information if the information is requested by the presentation of a license plate number.

↳ When such personally identifiable information is requested of a law enforcement agency by the presentation of a license plate number, the law enforcement agency shall conduct an investigation regarding the person about whom information is being requested or, as soon as practicable, provide the requester with the requested information if the requester officially reports that the motor vehicle bearing that license plate was used in a violation of NRS 205.240, 205.345, 205.380 or 205.445.

4. If a person is authorized to obtain such information pursuant to a contract entered into with the Department and if such information is requested for the purpose of an advisory notice relating to a motor vehicle or the recall of a motor vehicle or for the purpose of providing information concerning the history of a vehicle, the Director may release:

(a) A list which includes license plate numbers combined with any other information in the records or files of the Department; or

(b) The name, address, telephone number or any other personally identifiable information if the information is requested by the presentation of a license plate number.

5. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2, 4 and 6 and NRS 483.294, 483.855 and 483.937, the Director shall not release any personal information from a file or record relating to a driver's license, identification card, or title or registration of a vehicle.

6. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a) and subsection 7, if a person or governmental entity provides a description of the information requested and its proposed use and signs an affidavit to that effect, the Director may release any personal information, except a photograph, from a file or record relating to a driver's license, identification card, or title or registration of a vehicle for use:

(a) By any governmental entity, including, but not limited to, any court or law enforcement agency, in carrying out its functions, or any person acting on behalf of a federal, state or local governmental agency in carrying out its functions. The personal information may include a photograph from a file or record relating to a driver's license, identification card, or title or registration of a vehicle.

(b) In connection with any civil, criminal, administrative or arbitration proceeding before any federal or state court, regulatory body, board, commission or agency, including, but not limited to,



use for service of process, investigation in anticipation of litigation, and execution or enforcement of judgments and orders, or pursuant to an order of a federal or state court.

(c) In connection with matters relating to:

- (1) The safety of drivers of motor vehicles;
- (2) Safety and thefts of motor vehicles;
- (3) Emissions from motor vehicles;
- (4) Alterations of products related to motor vehicles;
- (5) An advisory notice relating to a motor vehicle or the recall of a motor vehicle;
- (6) Monitoring the performance of motor vehicles;
- (7) Parts or accessories of motor vehicles;
- (8) Dealers of motor vehicles; or
- (9) Removal of nonowner records from the original records of motor vehicle manufacturers.

(d) By any insurer, self-insurer or organization that provides assistance or support to an insurer or self-insurer or its agents, employees or contractors, in connection with activities relating to the rating, underwriting or investigation of claims or the prevention of fraud.

(e) In providing notice to the owners of vehicles that have been towed, repossessed or impounded.

(f) By an employer or its agent or insurer to obtain or verify information relating to a holder of a commercial driver's license who is employed by or has applied for employment with the employer.

(g) By a private investigator, private patrol officer or security consultant who is licensed pursuant to chapter 648 of NRS, for any use permitted pursuant to this section.

(h) By a reporter or editorial employee who is employed by or affiliated with any newspaper, press association or commercially operated, federally licensed radio or television station for a journalistic purpose. The Department may not make any inquiries regarding the use of or reason for the information requested other than whether the information will be used for a journalistic purpose.

(i) In connection with an investigation conducted pursuant to NRS 253.0415 or 253.220.

(j) In activities relating to research and the production of statistical reports, if the personal information will not be published or otherwise redisclosed, or used to contact any person.

(k) In the bulk distribution of surveys, marketing material or solicitations, if the Director has adopted policies and procedures to ensure that:



(1) The information will be used or sold only for use in the bulk distribution of surveys, marketing material or solicitations;

(2) Each person about whom the information is requested has clearly been provided with an opportunity to authorize such a use; and

(3) If the person about whom the information is requested does not authorize such a use, the bulk distribution will not be directed toward that person.

7. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (j) of subsection 6, a person who requests and receives personal information may sell or disclose that information only for a use permitted pursuant to subsection 6. Such a person shall keep and maintain for 5 years a record of:

(a) Each person to whom the information is provided; and

(b) The purpose for which that person will use the information.

↳ The record must be made available for examination by the Department at all reasonable times upon request.

8. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the Director may deny any use of the files and records if the Director reasonably believes that the information taken may be used for an unwarranted invasion of a particular person's privacy.

9. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 485.316, the Director shall not allow any person to make use of information retrieved from the system created pursuant to NRS 485.313 for a private purpose and shall not in any other way release any information retrieved from that system.

10. *The Director shall not release any information relating to legal presence or any other information relating to or describing immigration status, nationality or citizenship from a file or record relating to a request for or the issuance of a license, identification card or title or registration of a vehicle to any person or to any federal, state or local governmental entity for any purpose relating to the enforcement of immigration laws.*

11. The Director shall adopt such regulations as the Director deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this section. In addition, the Director shall, by regulation, establish a procedure whereby a person who is requesting personal information may establish an account with the Department to facilitate the person's ability to request information electronically or by written request if the person has submitted to the Department proof of employment or licensure, as applicable, and a signed and notarized affidavit acknowledging that the person:



(a) Has read and fully understands the current laws and regulations regarding the manner in which information from the Department's files and records may be obtained and the limited uses which are permitted;

(b) Understands that any sale or disclosure of information so obtained must be in accordance with the provisions of this section;

(c) Understands that a record will be maintained by the Department of any information he or she requests; and

(d) Understands that a violation of the provisions of this section is a criminal offense.

~~§§~~ **12.** It is unlawful for any person to:

(a) Make a false representation to obtain any information from the files or records of the Department.

(b) Knowingly obtain or disclose any information from the files or records of the Department for any use not permitted by the provisions of this chapter.

~~§§~~ **13.** As used in this section:

(a) ***"Information relating to legal presence" means information that may reveal whether a person is legally present in the United States, including, without limitation, whether the driver's license that a person possesses is a driver authorization card, whether the person applied for a driver's license pursuant to NRS 483.290 or section 5 of this act and the documentation used to prove name, age and residence that was provided by the person with his or her application for a driver's license.***

(b) "Personal information" means information that reveals the identity of a person, including, without limitation, his or her photograph, social security number, ***individual taxpayer identification number***, driver's license number, identification card number, name, address, telephone number or information regarding a medical condition or disability. The term does not include the zip code of a person when separate from his or her full address, information regarding vehicular accidents or driving violations in which he or she has been involved or other information otherwise affecting his or her status as a driver.

~~§~~ (c) "Vehicle" includes, without limitation, an off-highway vehicle as defined in NRS 490.060.

**Sec. 2.** Chapter 483 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 3, 4 and 5 of this act.

**Sec. 3.** ***"Driver authorization card" means a card obtained in accordance with section 5 of this act.***



**Sec. 4. 1.** *A person who wishes to obtain an instruction permit or a driver's license may apply using the provisions of NRS 483.290 or section 5 of this act.*

**2.** *A person who wishes to apply for any restricted or limited license issued pursuant to this chapter may do so by:*

*(a) Submitting an application using the provisions of NRS 483.290 or section 5 of this act; and*

*(b) Fulfilling the requirements for the issuance of the restricted or limited license.*

**Sec. 5. 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 any 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, a political subdivision of a state, the District of Columbia or any territory of the United States;*

*(2) A driver's license issued by another state, the District of Columbia or any territory of the United States 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 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; or*

*(9) 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, the District of Columbia or any territory of the United States 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 of 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 expires on the anniversary of its issuance or renewal. Every driver authorization card 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. 6.** NRS 483.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.015 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 483.330, the provisions of NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive, *and sections 3, 4 and 5 of this act* apply only with respect to noncommercial drivers' licenses.



**Sec. 7.** NRS 483.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.020 As used in NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive, *and sections 3, 4 and 5 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 483.030 to 483.190, inclusive, *and section 3 of this act* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

**Sec. 8.** NRS 483.083 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.083 “License” means any driver’s license or permit to operate a vehicle issued under or granted by the laws of this State, including:

1. Any temporary license ~~for~~ ;
2. *Any* instruction permit ~~;~~ *and*  
~~—2—~~ *obtained in accordance with NRS 483.290; and*
3. The future privilege to drive a vehicle by a person who does not hold a driver’s license.

**Sec. 9.** NRS 483.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.290 1. ~~{Every}~~ *An* application for an instruction permit or for a driver’s license 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 full legal name, date of birth, sex, address of principal residence and mailing address, if different from the address of principal residence, 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 full legal name and age by displaying an original or certified copy of the required documents as prescribed by regulation.

3. The Department shall adopt regulations prescribing the documents an applicant may use to furnish proof of his or her full legal name and age to the Department.

4. At the time of applying for a driver’s license, an applicant may, if eligible, register to vote pursuant to NRS 293.524.



5. Every applicant who has been assigned a social security number must furnish proof of his or her social security number by displaying:

(a) An original card issued to the applicant by the Social Security Administration bearing the social security number of the applicant; or

(b) Other proof acceptable to the Department, including, without limitation, records of employment or federal income tax returns.

6. The Department may refuse to accept a driver's license issued by another state, the District of Columbia or any territory of the United States if the Department determines that the other state, the District of Columbia or the territory of the United States has less stringent standards than the State of Nevada for the issuance of a driver's license.

7. With respect to any document presented by a person who was born outside of the United States to prove his or her full legal name and age, the Department:

(a) May, if the document has expired, refuse to accept the document or refuse to issue a driver's license to the person presenting the document, or both; and

(b) Shall issue to the person presenting the document a driver's license that is valid only during the time the applicant is authorized to stay in the United States, or if there is no definite end to the time the applicant is authorized to stay, the driver's license is valid for 1 year beginning on the date of issuance.

8. The Administrator shall adopt regulations setting forth criteria pursuant to which the Department will issue or refuse to issue a driver's license in accordance with this section to a person who is a citizen of any state, the District of Columbia, any territory of the United States or a foreign country. The criteria pursuant to which the Department shall issue or refuse to issue a driver's license to a citizen of a foreign country must be based upon the purpose for which that person is present within the United States.

9. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Department shall not accept a consular identification card as proof of the age or identity of an applicant for an instruction permit or for a driver's license. As used in this subsection, "consular identification card" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 232.006.

**Sec. 10.** NRS 483.292 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.292 1. When a person applies to the Department for an instruction permit or driver's license pursuant to NRS 483.290 ~~or~~ *or section 5 of this act*, the Department shall inquire whether the



person desires to declare that he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States.

2. If the person desires to declare pursuant to subsection 1 that he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, the person shall provide evidence satisfactory to the Department that he or she has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States.

3. If the person declares pursuant to subsection 1 that he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, the Department shall count the declaration and maintain it only numerically in a record kept by the Department for that purpose.

4. The Department shall, at least once each quarter:

(a) Compile the aggregate number of persons who have, during the immediately preceding quarter, declared pursuant to subsection 1 that they are veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

(b) Transmit that number to the Office of Veterans Services to be used for statistical purposes.

**Sec. 11.** NRS 483.620 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.620 It is a misdemeanor for any person to violate any of the provisions of NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive, *and sections 3, 4 and 5 of this act*, unless such violation is, by NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive, *and sections 3, 4 and 5 of this act*, or other law of this State, declared to be a felony.

**Sec. 12.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State Highway Fund to the Department of Motor Vehicles the following sums to pay the costs of developing and issuing driver authorization cards and instruction permits pursuant to the provisions of this act:

For the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 .....	\$739,110
For the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 .....	\$893,852

2. Any balance of the sums appropriated by subsection 1 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal years by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 19, 2014, and September 18, 2015, respectively, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State Highway Fund on or before September 19, 2014, and September 18, 2015, respectively.



**Sec. 13.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and approval.

2. Section 12 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2013.

3. Sections 1 to 11, inclusive, of this act become effective:

(a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

(b) On January 1, 2014, for all other purposes.







