

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 247—ASSEMBLYMEN GOICOECHEA;  
GRADY AND HANSEN

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

**SUMMARY**—Revises the circumstances under which a person is exempt from obtaining a license to drive a road machine, farm tractor or implement of husbandry on a highway. (BDR 43-300)

**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 vehicles; requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue a decal exempting a person from obtaining a license to operate a road machine, farm tractor or implement of husbandry on a highway under certain circumstances; requiring the decal to be displayed on the road machine, farm tractor or implement of husbandry in the manner specified by the Department; authorizing the Department to issue a new decal upon the payment of a fee if a decal is lost or destroyed; revising the circumstances under which a person is exempt from obtaining a license to drive a road machine, farm tractor or implement of husbandry on a highway; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Under existing law, certain persons are exempt from obtaining a driver’s  
2 license or permit to operate a vehicle on a highway in this State. This exemption  
3 includes, without limitation, any person while temporarily driving a road machine,  
4 farm tractor or implement of husbandry on a highway. (NRS 483.240) **Section 7** of  
5 this bill revises the circumstances under which the person may claim such an  
6 exemption by requiring the person to ensure that: (1) a policy of liability insurance  
7 which includes a certain amount of coverage for bodily injury and property damage  
8 is in effect; (2) a decal issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles is attached to  
9 the road machine, farm tractor or implement of husbandry; and (3) during the  
10 period in which the person drives the road machine, farm tractor or implement of  
11 husbandry on the highway, an emblem for slow-moving vehicles is displayed on



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12 the road machine, farm tractor or implement of husbandry, the vehicular hazard-  
13 warning lamps for the road machine, farm tractor or implement of husbandry are  
14 displayed or any other warning device required by the Department is displayed on  
15 the road machine, farm tractor or implement of husbandry. **Section 1** of this bill  
16 authorizes a person who wishes to obtain a decal exempting him or her from  
17 obtaining a license to operate a road machine, farm tractor or implement of  
18 husbandry on a highway to submit a notice of that fact to the Department. Such a  
19 notice must include a fee of \$20 and evidence satisfactory to the Department that  
20 the person is the holder of a policy of liability insurance which includes a certain  
21 amount of coverage for bodily injury and property damage. **Section 1** requires the  
22 decal to be displayed on the road machine, farm tractor or implement of husbandry  
23 in the manner specified by the Department and authorizes the Department to issue a  
24 new decal if the decal is lost or destroyed.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 483 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. Any person who wishes to obtain a decal exempting him or*  
4 *her from obtaining a license to operate a road machine, farm*  
5 *tractor or implement of husbandry pursuant to NRS 483.240 may*  
6 *submit a written notice of that fact to the Department. The written*  
7 *notice must include a fee of \$20 and evidence satisfactory to the*  
8 *Department that the person is the holder of a policy of liability*  
9 *insurance which provides at least \$300,000 in coverage for bodily*  
10 *injury and property damage resulting from any single accident*  
11 *caused by the person while driving the road machine, farm tractor*  
12 *or implement of husbandry. As soon as practicable after receiving*  
13 *the notice, fee and evidence of insurance, the Department shall*  
14 *issue the decal to the person.*

15 *2. A decal issued pursuant to subsection 1 must be displayed*  
16 *on the road machine, farm tractor or implement of husbandry in*  
17 *the manner specified by the Department. If the decal is lost or*  
18 *destroyed, the Department may, upon the payment of the fee*  
19 *specified in subsection 1, issue a new decal for the road machine,*  
20 *farm tractor or implement of husbandry.*

21 **Sec. 2.** NRS 483.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 483.010 The provisions of NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive,  
23 *and section 1 of this act* may be cited as the Uniform Motor Vehicle  
24 Drivers' License Act.

25 **Sec. 3.** NRS 483.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 483.015 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 483.330, the  
27 provisions of NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive, *and section 1 of*  
28 *this act* apply only with respect to noncommercial drivers' licenses.



1       **Sec. 4.** NRS 483.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2       483.020 As used in NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive, *and*  
3 *section 1 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, the  
4 words and terms defined in NRS 483.030 to 483.190, inclusive, *and*  
5 *section 1 of this act* have the meanings ascribed to them in those  
6 sections.

7       **Sec. 5.** NRS 483.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
8       483.220 The Administrator is authorized to promulgate rules  
9 and regulations governing activities of the Department under NRS  
10 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive **[H]**, *and section 1 of this act*.

11       **Sec. 6.** NRS 483.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
12       483.230 1. Except persons expressly exempted in NRS  
13 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, a person  
14 shall not drive any motor vehicle upon a highway in this State  
15 unless such person has a valid license as a driver under the  
16 provisions of NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive, *and section 1 of*  
17 *this act* for the type or class of vehicle being driven.

18       2. Any person licensed as a driver under the provisions of NRS  
19 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* may  
20 exercise the privilege thereby granted upon all streets and highways  
21 of this State and shall not be required to obtain any other license to  
22 exercise such privilege by any county, municipal or local board or  
23 body having authority to adopt local police regulations.

24       3. Except persons expressly exempted in NRS 483.010 to  
25 483.630, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, a person shall not steer  
26 or exercise any degree of physical control of a vehicle being towed  
27 by a motor vehicle upon a highway unless such person has a license  
28 to drive the type or class of vehicle being towed.

29       4. A person shall not receive a driver's license until the person  
30 surrenders to the Department all valid licenses in his or her  
31 possession issued to the person by this or any other jurisdiction.  
32 Surrendered licenses issued by another jurisdiction shall be returned  
33 by the Department to such jurisdiction. A person shall not have  
34 more than one valid driver's license.

35       **Sec. 7.** NRS 483.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
36       483.240 The following persons are exempt from license under  
37 the provisions of NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive **[H]**, *and*  
38 *section 1 of this act*:

39       1. Any person while driving a motor vehicle in the service of  
40 the Armed Forces.

41       2. Any person while driving any road machine, farm tractor or  
42 implement of husbandry temporarily operated or moved on a  
43 highway **[H]** *if*:



1 (a) *A policy of liability insurance specified in section 1 of this*  
2 *act is in effect for the person driving the road machine, farm*  
3 *tractor or implement of husbandry;*

4 (b) *A decal issued pursuant to section 1 of this act is displayed*  
5 *on the road machine, farm tractor or implement of husbandry in*  
6 *the manner specified pursuant to that section; and*

7 (c) *During the period in which the person drives the road*  
8 *machine, farm tractor or implement of husbandry on the highway:*

9 (1) *An emblem for slow-moving vehicles is displayed on the*  
10 *road machine, farm tractor or implement of husbandry in*  
11 *accordance with NRS 484D.545, if required pursuant to that*  
12 *section;*

13 (2) *The vehicular hazard-warning lamps for the road*  
14 *machine, farm tractor or implement of husbandry are displayed on*  
15 *the road machine, farm tractor or implement of husbandry in*  
16 *accordance with NRS 484D.170, if required pursuant to that*  
17 *section; or*

18 (3) *Any other warning device required by the Department is*  
19 *displayed on the road machine, farm tractor or implement of*  
20 *husbandry.*

21 3. A nonresident who is at least 16 years of age and who has in  
22 his or her immediate possession a valid license issued to the person  
23 in his or her home state or country may drive a motor vehicle in this  
24 State of the type or class the person may operate in that home state  
25 or country.

26 4. Any nonresident who is at least 18 years of age, whose home  
27 state or country does not require the licensing of drivers, may drive  
28 a motor vehicle for a period of not more than 90 days in any  
29 calendar year, if the motor vehicle driven is duly registered in the  
30 home state or country of such nonresident.

31 5. A nonresident on active duty in the Armed Forces who has a  
32 valid license issued by the person's home state and such  
33 nonresident's spouse or dependent child who has a valid license  
34 issued by such state.

35 6. Any person on active duty in the Armed Forces who has a  
36 valid license issued in a foreign country by the Armed Forces may  
37 drive a motor vehicle for a period of not more than 45 days from the  
38 date of his or her return to the United States.

39 **Sec. 8.** NRS 483.430 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 483.430 1. The privilege of driving a motor vehicle on the  
41 highways of this State given to a nonresident under NRS 483.010 to  
42 483.630, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* shall be subject to  
43 suspension or revocation by the Department in like manner and for  
44 like cause as a driver's license issued under NRS 483.010 to



1 483.630, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* may be suspended or  
2 revoked.

3 2. The Department is further authorized, upon receiving a  
4 record of the conviction in this State of a nonresident driver of a  
5 motor vehicle of any offense under the motor vehicle laws of this  
6 State, to forward a certified copy of such record to the motor vehicle  
7 administrator in the state wherein the person so convicted is a  
8 resident.

9 3. When a nonresident's driving privilege is suspended or  
10 revoked in this State, the Department shall forward a copy of the  
11 record of such action to the motor vehicle administrator in the state  
12 where such driver resides.

13 **Sec. 9.** NRS 483.530 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 483.530 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, it is  
15 a misdemeanor for any person:

16 (a) To display or cause or permit to be displayed or possess any  
17 cancelled, revoked, suspended, fictitious, fraudulently altered or  
18 fraudulently obtained driver's license;

19 (b) To alter, forge, substitute, counterfeit or use an unvalidated  
20 driver's license;

21 (c) To lend his or her driver's license to any other person or  
22 knowingly permit the use thereof by another;

23 (d) To display or represent as one's own any driver's license not  
24 issued to him or her;

25 (e) To fail or refuse to surrender to the Department, a peace  
26 officer or a court upon lawful demand any driver's license which  
27 has been suspended, revoked or cancelled;

28 (f) To permit any unlawful use of a driver's license issued to  
29 him or her;

30 (g) To do any act forbidden, or fail to perform any act required,  
31 by NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive ~~§~~, *and section 1 of this act*;  
32 or

33 (h) To photograph, photostat, duplicate or in any way reproduce  
34 any driver's license or facsimile thereof in such a manner that it  
35 could be mistaken for a valid license, or to display or possess any  
36 such photograph, photostat, duplicate, reproduction or facsimile  
37 unless authorized by this chapter.

38 2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a person  
39 who uses a false or fictitious name in any application for a driver's  
40 license or identification card or who knowingly makes a false  
41 statement or knowingly conceals a material fact or otherwise  
42 commits a fraud in any such application is guilty of a category E  
43 felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130. If the  
44 false statement, knowing concealment of a material fact or other  
45 commission of fraud described in this subsection relates solely to



1 the age of a person, including, without limitation, to establish false  
2 proof of age to game, purchase alcoholic beverages or purchase  
3 cigarettes or other tobacco products, the person is guilty of a  
4 misdemeanor.

5 **Sec. 10.** NRS 483.580 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 483.580 A person shall not cause or knowingly permit his or  
7 her child or ward under the age of 18 years to drive a motor vehicle  
8 upon any highway when the minor is not authorized under the  
9 provisions of NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive, *and section 1 of*  
10 *this act* or is in violation of any of the provisions of NRS 483.010 to  
11 483.630, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* or if the minor's license  
12 is revoked or suspended pursuant to title 5 of NRS.

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

14 483.620 It is a misdemeanor for any person to violate any of  
15 the provisions of NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive, *and section 1*  
16 *of this act*, unless such violation is, by NRS 483.010 to 483.630,  
17 inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* or other law of this State,  
18 declared to be a felony.

19 **Sec. 12.** NRS 483.630 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 483.630 NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive, *and section 1 of*  
21 *this act* shall be so interpreted and construed as to effectuate their  
22 general purpose to make uniform the law of those states which enact  
23 them.

