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AN ACT relating to drivers' licenses; revising provisions governing the submission of documents required to declare veteran status when applying for or renewing an instruction permit, driver's license, commercial driver's license or identification card; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, a veteran who has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States may have a designation of that veteran status placed on his or her instruction permit, driver's license or identification card. Such a veteran must, upon application for initial issuance or renewal of the permit or license, submit to the Department of Motor Vehicles a copy of his or her DD Form 214, "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty," issued by the United States Department of Defense, indicating that he or she has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States. (NRS 483.292, 483.852) **Sections 1.1 and 1.3** of this bill remove the requirement to specifically provide a DD Form 214 and instead provide that the veteran must submit evidence satisfactory to the Department that he or she has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States to have a designation of that veteran status placed on his or her instruction permit, license or identification card. **Section 1** of this bill provides that an applicant for or a holder of a commercial driver's license may have a designation of veteran status placed on his or her commercial driver's license under the same protocol as provided for an instruction permit, driver's license or identification card.

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

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

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

1. A person who wishes to have placed on his or her commercial driver's license a designation that he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States pursuant to subsection 2 must:

(a) If applying for the initial issuance of a commercial driver's license, appear in person at an office of the Department and submit evidence satisfactory to the Department that the person has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States.

(b) If applying for the renewal of a commercial driver's license upon which a designation that the person is a veteran:



(1) Is not placed, submit by mail or in person an honorable discharge or other document of honorable separation from the Armed Forces of the United States.

(2) Is placed, submit by mail, in person or by other means authorized by the Department a statement that the person wishes the commercial driver's license to continue to designate that the person is a veteran.

2. Upon the request of a person that his or her commercial driver's license indicate that he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States pursuant to subsection 1, and who satisfies the requirements of that subsection, the Department shall place on any commercial driver's license issued to the person pursuant to the provisions of this chapter a designation that the person is a veteran.

3. The Director shall determine the design and placement of the designation of veteran status required by this section on any commercial driver's license to which this section applies.

Sec. 1.1. NRS 483.292 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.292 1. When a person applies to the Department for the initial issuance of an instruction permit or driver's license pursuant to NRS 483.290 or 483.291 or the renewal of an instruction permit or driver's license, 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:

(a) Evidence satisfactory to the Department that he or she has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States; and

(b) A written release authorizing the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide to the Department of Veterans Services personal information about the person, which release must be signed by the person and in a form required by the Director pursuant to NRS 481.063.

3. In addition to the declaration described in subsection 1, a person who is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States and who wishes to have placed on his or her instruction permit or driver's license a designation that he or she is a veteran, as described in NRS 483.2925, must:

(a) If applying for the initial issuance of an instruction permit or driver's license, appear in person at an office of the Department and submit ~~ja copy of his or her DD Form 214, "Certificate of Release~~



~~or Discharge from Active Duty,” issued by the United States Department of Defense, indicating~~ *evidence satisfactory to the Department* that the person has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States.

(b) If applying for the renewal of an instruction permit or driver’s license upon which a designation that the person is a veteran:

(1) Is not placed, submit by mail or in person ~~fa copy of his or her DD Form 214, “Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty,” issued by the United States Department of Defense, indicating that the person has been honorably discharged~~ *an honorable discharge or other document of honorable separation* from the Armed Forces of the United States.

(2) Is placed, submit by mail, in person or by other means authorized by the Department a statement that the person wishes the instruction permit or driver’s license to continue to designate that the person is a veteran.

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

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

(b) Transmit that list to the Department of Veterans Services to be used for statistical and communication purposes.

Sec. 1.3. NRS 483.852 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.852 1. When a person applies to the Department for the initial issuance of an identification card pursuant to NRS 483.850 or the renewal of an identification card pursuant to NRS 483.875, 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:

(a) Evidence satisfactory to the Department that he or she has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States; and

(b) A written release authorizing the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide to the Department of Veterans Services personal information about the person, which release must be signed by the person and in a form required by the Director pursuant to NRS 481.063.

3. In addition to the declaration described in subsection 1, a person who is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States and who wishes to have placed on his or her identification card a



designation that he or she is a veteran, as described in NRS 483.853, must:

(a) If applying for the initial issuance of an identification card, appear in person at an office of the Department and submit ~~fa copy of his or her DD Form 214, "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty," issued by the United States Department of Defense, indicating~~ *evidence satisfactory to the Department* that the person has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States.

(b) If applying for the renewal of an identification card upon which a designation that the person is a veteran:

(1) Is not placed, submit by mail or in person ~~fa copy of his or her DD Form 214, "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty," issued by the United States Department of Defense, indicating that the person has been honorably discharged~~ *an honorable discharge or other document of honorable separation* from the Armed Forces of the United States.

(2) Is placed, submit by mail, in person or by other means authorized by the Department a statement that the person wishes the identification card to continue to designate that the person is a veteran.

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

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

(b) Transmit that list to the Department of Veterans Services to be used for statistical and communication purposes.

Sec. 1.5. NRS 483.902 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.902 The provisions of NRS 483.900 to 483.940, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, apply only with respect to commercial drivers' licenses.

Sec. 1.7. NRS 483.904 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.904 As used in NRS 483.900 to 483.940, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Commercial driver's license" means a license issued to a person which authorizes the person to drive a class or type of commercial motor vehicle.

2. "Commercial Driver's License Information System" means the information system maintained by the Secretary of Transportation pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 31309 to serve as a clearinghouse for locating information relating to the licensing, identification and disqualification of operators of commercial motor vehicles.



3. "Out-of-service order" means a temporary prohibition against:

(a) A person operating a commercial motor vehicle as such a prohibition is described in 49 C.F.R. § 395.13; or

(b) The operation of a commercial motor vehicle as such a prohibition is described in 49 C.F.R. § 396.9(c).

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective:

1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

2. On January 1, 2016, for all other purposes.

