

SENATE BILL NO. 209—SENATORS BROWER AND HARDY

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing a designation of veteran status on drivers' licenses and other documents issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles. (BDR 43-1009)

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

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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 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:**

1 Under existing law, a veteran who has been honorably discharged from the  
2 Armed Forces of the United States may have a designation of that veteran status  
3 placed on his or her instruction permit, driver's license or identification card. Such  
4 a veteran must, upon application for initial issuance or renewal of the permit or  
5 license, submit to the Department of Motor Vehicles a copy of his or her DD Form  
6 214, "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty," issued by the United  
7 States Department of Defense, indicating that he or she has been honorably  
8 discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States. (NRS 483.292, 483.852)  
9 **Sections 1.1 and 1.3** of this bill remove the requirement to specifically provide a  
10 DD Form 214 and instead provide that the veteran must submit evidence  
11 satisfactory to the Department that he or she has been honorably discharged from  
12 the Armed Forces of the United States to have a designation of that veteran status  
13 placed on his or her instruction permit, license or identification card. **Section 1** of  
14 this bill provides that an applicant for or a holder of a commercial driver's license  
15 may have a designation of veteran status placed on his or her commercial driver's  
16 license under the same protocol as provided for an instruction permit, driver's  
17 license or identification card.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32       483.292 1. When a person applies to the Department for the  
33 initial issuance of an instruction permit or driver's license pursuant  
34 to NRS 483.290 or 483.291 or the renewal of an instruction permit  
35 or driver's license, the Department shall inquire whether the person  
36 desires to declare that he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of  
37 the United States.

38       2. If the person desires to declare pursuant to subsection 1 that  
39 he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, the  
40 person shall provide:



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

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

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

14 (a) If applying for the initial issuance of an instruction permit or  
15 driver's license, appear in person at an office of the Department and  
16 submit ~~fa copy of his or her DD Form 214, "Certificate of Release~~  
17 ~~or Discharge from Active Duty," issued by the United States~~  
18 ~~Department of Defense, indicating~~ *evidence satisfactory to the*  
19 *Department* that the person has been honorably discharged from the  
20 Armed Forces of the United States.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

41 483.852 1. When a person applies to the Department for the  
42 initial issuance of an identification card pursuant to NRS 483.850 or  
43 the renewal of an identification card pursuant to NRS 483.875, the  
44 Department shall inquire whether the person desires to declare that  
45 he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States.



1 2. If the person desires to declare pursuant to subsection 1 that  
2 he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, the  
3 person shall provide:

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

7 (b) A written release authorizing the Department of Motor  
8 Vehicles to provide to the Department of Veterans Services personal  
9 information about the person, which release must be signed by the  
10 person and in a form required by the Director pursuant to NRS  
11 481.063.

12 3. In addition to the declaration described in subsection 1, a  
13 person who is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States  
14 and who wishes to have placed on his or her identification card a  
15 designation that he or she is a veteran, as described in NRS 483.853,  
16 must:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

43 483.902 The provisions of NRS 483.900 to 483.940, inclusive,  
44 *and section 1 of this act*, apply only with respect to commercial  
45 drivers' licenses.



1       **Sec. 1.7.** NRS 483.904 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2       483.904 As used in NRS 483.900 to 483.940, inclusive, *and*  
3       *section 1 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires:

4       1. “Commercial driver’s license” means a license issued to a  
5       person which authorizes the person to drive a class or type of  
6       commercial motor vehicle.

7       2. “Commercial Driver’s License Information System” means  
8       the information system maintained by the Secretary of  
9       Transportation pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 31309 to serve as a  
10      clearinghouse for locating information relating to the licensing,  
11      identification and disqualification of operators of commercial motor  
12      vehicles.

13     3. “Out-of-service order” means a temporary prohibition  
14     against:

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

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

19     **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective:

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

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

