

## LCB File No. R153-01

# PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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Amends NAC 483.110 to redefine Class A noncommercial driver license

### **NAC 483.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

NAC 483.110 Classifications of drivers' licenses. (NRS 481.051, 483.220, 483.908, 483.912)

1. The holder of a class A *noncommercial* driver's license may drive:

*a. [a] Any combination of vehicles with a gross combination weight rating of 26,001 or more pounds, if the gross vehicle weight rating of the trailing vehicle is more than 10,000 pounds. [The holder also may drive a vehicle falling within class B or class C, but may not drive a motorcycle unless the holder obtains an appropriate endorsement]; or*

*b. Any combination of vehicles not exceeding 70 feet in length with a gross combination weight rating of 26,000 pounds or less so long as the gross combination weight rating of the towed vehicles does not exceed the gross vehicle weight rating of the towing vehicle; and*

*c. The holder also may drive a vehicle falling within class B or class C, but may not drive a motorcycle unless the holder obtains an appropriate endorsement.*

2. The holder of a class B driver's license may drive any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 or more pounds, or any vehicle which is towing another vehicle which does not have a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 10,000 pounds, and all vehicles falling within class C, but may not drive a motorcycle unless the holder obtains an appropriate endorsement.

3. The holder of a class C driver's license may drive any single vehicle, or combination of vehicles, that does not meet the definition of a vehicle for which a class A or class B driver's license is required, including a moped or a low-speed vehicle, but may not:

(a) Drive a motorcycle, unless the holder obtains an appropriate endorsement;

(b) Tow a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 10,000 pounds, unless the holder obtains a J endorsement;

(c) Drive a combination of vehicles with a gross combination weight rating of less than 10,000 pounds, unless the holder obtains an R endorsement; or

(d) Drive a combination of vehicles exceeding 70 feet in length.

4. The department may place a restriction 1 on a class A, class B or class C driver's license if the holder of the license does not pass a knowledge test and a driving skills test in a vehicle which is equipped with air brakes.

5. In addition to the tests authorized by chapter 483 of NRS, the holder of a driver's license may be required to pass a driving skills test in an appropriate vehicle to receive an endorsement

authorizing the holder to drive a specific type of vehicle.

The holder of a driver's license who is exempt from the requirements of NRS 483.900 to 483.940, inclusive, and NAC 483.800 to 483.850, inclusive, pursuant to the provisions of subsection 1 or 2 of NAC 483.850 may operate a vehicle described in subsection 1 or 2 of NAC 483.850 only if he obtains an F endorsement on his driver's license.

7. The holder of a class M driver's license may drive a motorcycle, trimobile or moped. The holder of a class A, class B or class C driver's license may drive a motorcycle only if he obtains a class M endorsement on his driver's license.

8. An applicant who is administered a test of his driving ability on a motorcycle which does not exceed 6 1/2 horsepower or a displacement of 90 cubic centimeters will be issued a class M driver's license with a U restriction.

9. An applicant who is administered a test of his driving ability on a motorcycle which has three wheels in contact with the ground will be issued a class M driver's license with an X restriction.

10. An applicant who is administered a test of his driving ability on a moped as defined by NRS 483.088 will be issued a class M driver's license with a Z restriction. A class M driver's license with a Z restriction does not authorize the operation of any other motor vehicle.

11. An applicant who is administered a test of his driving ability in a low-speed vehicle will be issued a class C driver's license with an X restriction. The department shall indicate on the back of such a license that the holder may not drive a vehicle on a highway where the posted speed limit is greater than 35 miles per hour, except to cross a highway at an intersection.

12. For purposes of this section:

(a) "Gross combination weight rating" means:

(1) The weight specified by the manufacturer of a vehicle as the combined loaded weight of that vehicle and a trailing vehicle; or

(2) If the manufacturer fails to specify a weight, the sum of the gross vehicle weight rating of the power unit, the weight of the trailing vehicle and the weight of any load thereon.

(b) "Low-speed vehicle" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 484.527.