
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 128—ASSEMBLYMEN GIBBONS, PARKS,
ANDERSON, COLLINS, GEDDES, GOLDWATER, GRIFFIN,
GUSTAVSON, HETTRICK, LESLIE, MABEY, OCEGUERA AND
SHERER

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS COFFIN, MATHEWS,
SCHNEIDER, SHAFFER AND WIENER

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Provides for issuance of driver’s license with
designation “Defensive Driver.” (BDR 43-749)

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 drivers’ licenses; requiring the Department of
Motor Vehicles to issue driver’s licenses with the
designation “Defensive Driver” to otherwise qualified
applicants who have passed a course in defensive driving
approved by the Department; providing standards for the
approval of such courses; requiring the Department to
conduct a study of the feasibility of contracting with
licensed schools for training drivers to administer driving
tests required for certain drivers’ licenses; and providing
other matters properly relating thereto.

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. *The Department shall issue a driver’s license with a*
4 *specially colored background to any person who otherwise*
5 *qualifies for a driver’s license pursuant to the provisions of this*



1 *chapter and who submits to the Department evidence in a form*
2 *satisfactory to the Department that the person has passed a course*
3 *in defensive driving approved by the Department. The Department*
4 *shall include the words "Defensive Driver" prominently on the*
5 *front of such a license.*

6 *2. The Department shall not approve a course in defensive*
7 *driving for the purposes of this section unless the course is offered*
8 *by a licensed school for training drivers and includes a simulated*
9 *driving examination given in a computer-synthesized, interactive*
10 *simulator that provides:*

11 *(a) Sufficient tactile, visual and aural feedback to create a*
12 *compelling illusion that the driver is actually driving; and*

13 *(b) A sufficient number of situations during the examination*
14 *to test whether the driver can use all the rules for defensive driving*
15 *correctly.*

16 *3. A simulator used in a defensive driving course must:*

17 *(a) Be equipped with, without limitation, a steering wheel, an*
18 *accelerator, a brake pedal, a parking brake, column-mounted*
19 *directional signaling and transmission shift levers.*

20 *(b) Provide a three-dimensional view from the driver's point of*
21 *view.*

22 *(c) Simulate various types of obstacles and road conditions,*
23 *including, without limitation, dry, wet and icy roads.*

24 *(d) Take into account factors relating to the operation of a*
25 *motor vehicle, including, without limitation, suspension-spring*
26 *coefficients and dampening factors, drivetrain torque curve, tire-*
27 *patch dynamics, vehicle mass and center of gravity. The simulator*
28 *may, but is not required to, provide actual physical movement.*

29 *4. The Department shall, in conjunction with the*
30 *Commissioner of Insurance, encourage insurers that provide*
31 *automobile insurance in this state to provide discounts or other*
32 *incentives to drivers who hold a driver's license with the*
33 *designation "Defensive Driver" issued pursuant to this section.*

34 **Sec. 2.** NRS 483.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 483.020 As used in NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive, *and*
36 *section 1 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, the
37 words and terms defined in NRS 483.030 to 483.190, inclusive,
38 have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

39 **Sec. 3.** NRS 483.255 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 483.255 The Department shall adopt regulations that set forth
41 the number of hours of training which a person whose age is less
42 than 18 years must complete in a course provided by a school for
43 training drivers to be issued a license pursuant to sub-subparagraph
44 (II) of subparagraph (1) of paragraph (d) of subsection 1 of NRS
45 483.250. The regulations must require that the number of hours that



1 must be completed by such a person be comparable to the number of
2 hours of instruction which would be required of such a person if he
3 completed his training in a course provided pursuant to NRS
4 389.090 ~~1~~, *except that, for the purpose of complying with those*
5 *regulations, each hour completed by a pupil in a simulator used in*
6 *a defensive driving course that is offered by a licensed school for*
7 *training drivers and approved by the Department pursuant to*
8 *section 1 of this act shall be deemed to be the equivalent of 1 hour*
9 *of training in a motor vehicle.*

10 **Sec. 4.** The Department of Motor Vehicles shall conduct a
11 study of the feasibility and desirability of contracting with licensed
12 schools for training drivers to administer driving tests of applicants
13 for a Class C driver's license. The Department shall consider in the
14 study whether a simulator used in a course of defensive driving
15 approved by the Department pursuant to section 1 of this act should
16 be used for such a driving test, or for any part thereof. The
17 Department shall submit a report of the results of the study and any
18 recommended legislation to the Director of the Legislative Counsel
19 Bureau for presentation to the 73rd Session of the Legislature.

