
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 79—ASSEMBLYMAN WHEELER (BY REQUEST)

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Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Revises requirements for certain applicants for a driver’s license. (BDR 43-205)

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 motor vehicles; revising certain requirements for an applicant for a driver’s license who is 16 or 17 years of age; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue a driver’s
2 license to a person who is 16 or 17 years of age if the person has met certain
3 requirements, including completing at least 50 hours of supervised experience in
4 driving a motor vehicle or completing a hands-on course in defensive driving.
5 (NRS 483.2521) This bill revises this requirement to instead provide that the person
6 must complete: (1) a hands-on course in defensive driving and at least 50 hours of
7 supervised experience in driving a motor vehicle; or (2) at least 70 hours of
8 supervised experience in driving a motor vehicle.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 483.2521 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:
3 483.2521 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~4.~~
4 **3**, the Department may issue a driver’s license to a person who is 16
5 or 17 years of age if the person:
6 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, has completed:
7 (1) A course in automobile driver education pursuant to NRS
8 389.090; or



1 (2) A course provided by a school for training drivers which
2 is licensed pursuant to NRS 483.700 to 483.780, inclusive, and
3 which complies with the applicable regulations governing the
4 establishment, conduct and scope of automobile driver education
5 adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to NRS 389.090;

6 (b) ~~Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, has~~ **Has**
7 **completed:**

8 (1) **A hands-on course in defensive driving that has been**
9 **approved by the Department pursuant to NRS 483.727 and** at least
10 50 hours of supervised experience in driving a motor vehicle with a
11 restricted license, instruction permit or restricted instruction permit
12 issued pursuant to NRS 483.267, 483.270 or 483.280, including,
13 without limitation, at least 10 hours of experience in driving a motor
14 vehicle during darkness; **or**

15 (2) **At least 70 hours of supervised experience in driving a**
16 **motor vehicle with a restricted license, instruction permit or**
17 **restricted instruction permit issued pursuant to NRS 483.267,**
18 **483.270 or 483.280, including, without limitation, at least 10 hours**
19 **of experience in driving a motor vehicle during darkness;**

20 (c) ~~Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, submits~~
21 **Submits** to the Department, on a form provided by the Department,
22 a log which contains the dates and times of the hours of supervised
23 experience required pursuant to this section and which is signed:

24 (1) By his or her parent or legal guardian; or

25 (2) If the person applying for the driver's license is an
26 emancipated minor, by a licensed driver who is at least 21 years of
27 age or by a licensed driving instructor,

28 ➔ who attests that the person applying for the driver's license has
29 completed the training and experience required pursuant to
30 paragraphs (a) and (b);

31 (d) Submits to the Department:

32 (1) A written statement signed by the principal of the public
33 school in which the person is enrolled or by a designee of the
34 principal and which is provided to the person pursuant to
35 NRS 392.123;

36 (2) A written statement signed by the parent or legal
37 guardian of the person which states that the person is excused from
38 compulsory attendance pursuant to NRS 392.070;

39 (3) A copy of the person's high school diploma or certificate
40 of attendance; or

41 (4) A copy of the person's certificate of general educational
42 development or an equivalent document;

43 (e) **If the person applying for the driver's license has**
44 **completed a hands-on course in defensive driving in order to meet**
45 **the requirements set forth in subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b),**



1 *submits to the Department proof of the successful completion of*
2 *the course;*

3 (f) Has not been found to be responsible for a motor vehicle
4 crash during the 6 months before applying for the driver's license;

5 ~~[(f)]~~ (g) Has not been convicted of a moving traffic violation or
6 a crime involving alcohol or a controlled substance during the 6
7 months before applying for the driver's license; and

8 ~~[(g)]~~ (h) Has held an instruction permit for not less than 6
9 months before applying for the driver's license.

10 2. If a course described in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 is not
11 offered within a 30-mile radius of a person's residence, the person
12 may, in lieu of completing such a course as required by that
13 paragraph, complete an additional 50 hours of supervised experience
14 in driving a motor vehicle ~~in accordance with paragraph (b) of~~
15 ~~subsection 1.]~~ *with a restricted license, instruction permit or*
16 *restricted instruction permit issued pursuant to NRS 483.267,*
17 *483.270 or 483.280, including, without limitation, at least 10*
18 *additional hours of experience in driving a motor vehicle during*
19 *darkness.*

20 3. ~~In lieu of the supervised experience required pursuant to~~
21 ~~paragraph (b) of subsection 1, a person applying for a Class C~~
22 ~~noncommercial driver's license may provide to the Department~~
23 ~~proof that the person has successfully completed:~~

24 ~~—(a) The training required pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection~~
25 ~~1; and~~

26 ~~—(b) A hands on course in defensive driving that has been~~
27 ~~approved by the Department pursuant to NRS 483.727.~~

28 ~~—4.]~~ A person who is 16 or 17 years of age, who has held an
29 instruction permit issued pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 483.280
30 authorizing the holder of the permit to operate a motorcycle and
31 who applies for a driver's license pursuant to this section that
32 authorizes him or her to operate a motorcycle must comply with the
33 provisions of paragraphs (d) to ~~[(g)]~~ (h), inclusive, of subsection 1
34 and must:

35 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~[(5)]~~ 4, complete a
36 course of motorcycle safety approved by the Department;

37 (b) Have at least 50 hours of experience in driving a motorcycle
38 with an instruction permit issued pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS
39 483.280; and

40 (c) Submit to the Department, on a form provided by the
41 Department, a log which contains the dates and times of the hours of
42 experience required pursuant to paragraph (b) and which is signed
43 by his or her parent or legal guardian who attests that the person
44 applying for the motorcycle driver's license has completed the
45 training and experience required pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b).



1 ~~5.1~~ 4. If a course described in paragraph (a) of subsection ~~4~~
2 3 is not offered within a 30-mile radius of a person's residence, the
3 person may, in lieu of completing the course, complete an additional
4 50 hours of experience in driving a motorcycle in accordance with
5 paragraph (b) of subsection ~~4.1~~ 3.

6 **Sec. 2.** NRS 486.071 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 486.071 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 and
8 NRS 486.161, the Department shall not issue a motorcycle driver's
9 license unless the applicant:

10 (a) Is at least 18 years of age; and

11 (b) Has successfully completed:

12 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, such
13 written examinations and driving tests as may be required by the
14 Department; or

15 (2) A course of motorcycle safety approved by the
16 Department.

17 2. A holder of an instruction permit issued pursuant to
18 subsection 4 or 5 of NRS 483.280 who applies to the Department
19 for a motorcycle driver's license pursuant to subsection 1 is not
20 required to successfully complete the written examinations required
21 pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 if the
22 holder of the permit:

23 (a) Is at least 18 years of age;

24 (b) Has held the instruction permit for not less than 6 months;
25 and

26 (c) The instruction permit expired not more than 30 days before
27 the date of application for a motorcycle driver's license.

28 3. The Department shall not issue a motorcycle driver's license
29 to an applicant who is at least 16 years of age but is less than 18
30 years of age unless the applicant:

31 (a) Meets the requirements of subsection ~~4.1~~ 3 of NRS
32 483.2521; and

33 (b) Has successfully completed such written examinations and
34 driving tests as may be required by the Department.

35 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~4.1~~ 3 of NRS
36 483.2521, any person who has been issued a driver's license
37 pursuant to chapter 483 of NRS without having the authority to
38 drive a motorcycle endorsed thereon must, before driving a
39 motorcycle, successfully pass:

40 (a) A driving test conducted by the Department; or

41 (b) A course of motorcycle safety approved by the Department,
42 → and have the authority endorsed upon the license.



1 **Sec. 3.** The amendatory provisions of this act do not apply to a
2 person who applies for a driver’s license before October 1, 2021.

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