

SENATE BILL NO. 204—SENATOR DENIS

MARCH 11, 2021

Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the Department of Motor Vehicles. (BDR 43-492)

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

~

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

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; authorizing the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue a card, certificate or license in electronic form; authorizing the Department to establish an electronic branch office; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to maintain branch
2 offices throughout the State as necessary for the efficient operation of the
3 Department. (NRS 481.055) **Section 2** of this bill authorizes the Department to
4 establish an electronic branch office in the form of an Internet website or software
5 application through which the Department can accept documentation from the
6 public and conduct transactions which the Director of the Department deems
7 suitable to be conducted through electronic means.

8 **Section 1** of this bill authorizes the Department to issue an electronic version of
9 a card, certificate or license which has been issued by the Department in physical
10 form if the Director of the Department determines that the class of card, certificate
11 or license is suitable for issuance in electronic form. **Section 1** requires a person
12 who has been issued an electronic card, certificate or license to have the physical
13 card, certificate or license in his or her possession when operating a motor vehicle.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 481 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. The Department may issue to a person who holds or is*
4 *issued a valid card, certificate or license issued by the Department*



1 *an electronic version of the same card, certificate or license if the*
2 *Director determines that the class of card, certificate or license is*
3 *suitable for issuance in electronic form. The Department may not*
4 *issue an electronic card, certificate or license except to a person*
5 *who already holds or who is simultaneously issued a physical*
6 *version of the same card, certificate or license.*

7 *2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.255 and any*
8 *other specific statute, a person who has been issued a card,*
9 *certificate or license in electronic form shall have the physical*
10 *version of the card, certificate or license in his or her possession at*
11 *all times when operating a motor vehicle under a circumstance in*
12 *which the card, certificate or license is required.*

13 **Sec. 2.** NRS 481.055 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 481.055 1. The Department shall keep its main office at
15 Carson City, Nevada, in rooms provided by the Buildings and
16 Grounds Section of the State Public Works Division of the
17 Department of Administration.

18 2. The Department may maintain such branch offices
19 throughout the State as the Director may deem necessary to the
20 efficient operation of the Department and the various divisions
21 thereof in space provided by the Buildings and Grounds Section.
22 Any leases or agreements entered into pursuant to this subsection
23 must be executed in accordance with the provisions of
24 NRS 331.110.

25 *3. The Department may establish an electronic branch office*
26 *consisting of an Internet website or software application through*
27 *which, notwithstanding any specific statute to the contrary, a*
28 *person may submit forms, applications and other documentation*
29 *and the Department may conduct transactions that have been*
30 *designated by the Director as suitable to be conducted through*
31 *electronic means. The Department shall not conduct a transaction*
32 *through the electronic branch office which state or federal law*
33 *specifically requires to be conducted in person or accept*
34 *documentation through the electronic branch office which state or*
35 *federal law specifically requires to be presented in original form.*

36 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2021.

