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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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

