

SENATE BILL NO. 423—COMMITTEE ON
GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE

MARCH 27, 2023

Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to motorcycles.
(BDR 43-662)

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 motorcycles; increasing certain motorcycle safety fees; requiring an applicant for a motorcycle endorsement to a driver's license to pay an additional fee; revising provisions relating to penalties for driving without a motorcycle driver's license, motorcycle endorsement or permit to operate a motorcycle; establishing certain requirements for the renewal of a motorcycle endorsement to a driver's license; revising certain requirements for instructors for the Program for the Education of Motorcycle Riders; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to impose for every
2 motorcycle, a registration fee and an additional fee of \$6 for motorcycle safety.
3 (NRS 482.480) **Section 1** of this bill increases the fee for motorcycle safety to \$18.

4 Existing law requires an applicant for a motorcycle endorsement to a driver's
5 license to pay a fee of \$5. (NRS 483.410) **Section 2** of this bill requires such an
6 applicant to pay an additional \$45 fee for motorcycle safety which must be
7 deposited in the State General Fund for credit to the Account for the Program for
8 the Education of Motorcycle Riders.

9 Existing law prohibits a resident of this State from driving a motorcycle upon a
10 highway unless that person holds a valid motorcycle driver's license, a driver's
11 license with a motorcycle endorsement or a permit to operate a motorcycle. (NRS
12 486.061) Existing law also provides that any person who violates this requirement
13 is guilty of a misdemeanor. (NRS 486.381) **Section 3** of this bill provides that a
14 court must allow such a person to complete a course of motorcycle safety in lieu of
15 imposing a fine for such a violation which must be completed within 9 months of
16 the issuance of the final order.



17 Existing law provides that a motorcycle endorsement to a driver's license
18 expires simultaneously with the expiration of the driver's license. (NRS 486.161)
19 Existing regulation provides that a driver's license expires on the eighth
20 anniversary of the birthday of the licensee, measured from the birthday of the
21 licensee nearest the date of issuance or renewal. (NAC 483.043) **Section 4** of this
22 bill requires an applicant for the renewal of a motorcycle endorsement to
23 successfully complete a course of motorcycle safety before the applicant may
24 renew a motorcycle endorsement. **Section 4** requires an applicant who: (1) is at
25 least 16 but not more than 29 years of age to complete such a course at least once
26 every 8 years; and (2) is 30 years of age or older to complete such a course at least
27 once every 12 years.

28 Existing law requires the Department to establish: (1) the Program for the
29 Education of Motorcycle Riders; and (2) a fee of not more than \$150 for the
30 Program. (NRS 486.372, 486.373) Existing law sets forth certain eligibility
31 requirements for instructors of the Program. (NRS 486.375) **Section 5** of this bill
32 removes the \$150 Program fee. **Section 6** of this bill removes the eligibility
33 requirements that a Program instructor: (1) be a resident of this State or a member
34 of the Armed Forces of the United States stationed at a military installation located
35 in Nevada; and (2) has held a motorcycle driver's license or endorsement for at
36 least 2 years.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 482.480 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 482.480 There must be paid to the Department for the
3 registration or the transfer or reinstatement of the registration of
4 motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers, fees according to the
5 following schedule:

6 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, for each stock
7 passenger car and each reconstructed or specially constructed
8 passenger car registered to a person, regardless of weight or number
9 of passenger capacity, a fee for registration of \$33.

10 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3:

11 (a) For each of the fifth and sixth such cars registered to a
12 person, a fee for registration of \$16.50.

13 (b) For each of the seventh and eighth such cars registered to a
14 person, a fee for registration of \$12.

15 (c) For each of the ninth or more such cars registered to a
16 person, a fee for registration of \$8.

17 3. The fees specified in subsection 2 do not apply:

18 (a) Unless the person registering the cars presents to the
19 Department at the time of registration the registrations of all the cars
20 registered to the person.

21 (b) To cars that are part of a fleet.

22 4. For every motorcycle, a fee for registration of \$33 and for
23 each motorcycle other than a trimobile, an additional fee of ~~[\$6]~~ \$18
24 for motorcycle safety. The additional fee must be deposited in the



1 State General Fund for credit to the Account for the Program for the
2 Education of Motorcycle Riders created by NRS 486.372.

3 5. For every moped, a one-time fee for registration of \$33.

4 6. For each transfer of registration, a fee of \$6 in addition to
5 any other fees.

6 7. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6 of NRS
7 485.317, to reinstate the registration of a motor vehicle that is
8 suspended pursuant to that section:

9 (a) A fee as specified in NRS 482.557 for a registered owner
10 who failed to have insurance on the date specified by the
11 Department, which fee is in addition to any fine or penalty imposed
12 pursuant to NRS 482.557; or

13 (b) A fee of \$50 for a registered owner of a dormant vehicle who
14 cancelled the insurance coverage for that vehicle or allowed the
15 insurance coverage for that vehicle to expire without first cancelling
16 the registration for the vehicle in accordance with subsection 3 of
17 NRS 485.320,

18 ➤ both of which must be deposited in the Account for Verification
19 of Insurance which is hereby created in the State Highway Fund.
20 The money in the Account must be used to carry out the provisions
21 of NRS 485.313 to 485.318, inclusive.

22 8. For every travel trailer, a fee for registration of \$27.

23 9. For every permit for the operation of a golf cart, an annual
24 fee of \$10.

25 10. For every low-speed vehicle, as that term is defined in NRS
26 484B.637, a fee for registration of \$33.

27 11. To reinstate the registration of a motor vehicle that is
28 suspended pursuant to NRS 482.451 or 482.458, a fee of \$33.

29 12. For each vehicle for which the registered owner has
30 indicated his or her intention to opt in to making a contribution
31 pursuant to paragraph (i) of subsection 3 of NRS 482.215 or
32 subsection 4 of NRS 482.280, a contribution of \$2. The contribution
33 must be distributed to the appropriate county pursuant to
34 NRS 482.1825.

35 **Sec. 2.** NRS 483.410 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 483.410 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6 and
37 NRS 483.330 and 483.417, for every driver's license, including a
38 motorcycle driver's license, issued and service performed, the
39 following fees must be charged:

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41 An original or renewal license issued to a person
42 65 years of age or older..... \$13.50



1	An original or renewal license issued to any	
2	person less than 65 years of age which	
3	expires on the eighth anniversary of the	
4	licensee's birthday.....	\$37.00
5	An original or renewal license issued to any	
6	person less than 65 years of age which	
7	expires on or before the fourth anniversary of	
8	the licensee's birthday.....	18.50
9	Administration of the examination required by	
10	NRS 483.330 for a noncommercial driver's	
11	license.....	25.00
12	Each readministration to the same person of the	
13	examination required by NRS 483.330 for a	
14	noncommercial driver's license	10.00
15	Reinstatement of a license after suspension,	
16	revocation or cancellation, except a	
17	revocation for a violation of NRS 484C.110,	
18	484C.120, 484C.130 or 484C.430, or	
19	pursuant to NRS 484C.210 and 484C.220	75.00
20	Reinstatement of a license after revocation for a	
21	violation of NRS 484C.110, 484C.120,	
22	484C.130 or 484C.430, or pursuant to NRS	
23	484C.210 and 484C.220.....	120.00
24	A new photograph, change of name, change of	
25	other information, except address, or any	
26	combination.....	5.00
27	A duplicate license	14.00
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29 2. For every motorcycle endorsement to a driver's license, a
30 fee of \$5 *and an additional fee of \$45 for motorcycle safety* must
31 be charged. *The additional fee for motorcycle safety must be*
32 *deposited in the State General Fund for credit to the Account for*
33 *the Program for the Education of Motorcycle Riders created by*
34 *NRS 486.372.*

35 3. If no other change is requested or required, the Department
36 shall not charge a fee to convert the number of a license from the
37 licensee's social security number, or a number that was formulated
38 by using the licensee's social security number as a basis for the
39 number, to a unique number that is not based on the licensee's social
40 security number.

41 4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 483.417, the increase
42 in fees authorized by NRS 483.347 and the fees charged pursuant to
43 NRS 483.415 must be paid in addition to the fees charged pursuant
44 to subsections 1 and 2.



1 5. A penalty of \$10 must be paid by each person renewing a
2 license after it has expired for a period of 30 days or more as
3 provided in NRS 483.386 unless the person is exempt pursuant to
4 that section.

5 6. The Department may not charge a fee for the reinstatement
6 of a driver's license that has been:

- 7 (a) Voluntarily surrendered for medical reasons; or
- 8 (b) Cancelled pursuant to NRS 483.310.

9 7. All fees and penalties are payable to the Administrator at the
10 time a license or a renewal license is issued.

11 8. Except as otherwise provided in *subsection 2*, NRS 483.340,
12 subsection 3 of NRS 483.3485, NRS 483.415 and 483.840, and
13 subsection 3 of NRS 483.863, all money collected by the
14 Department pursuant to this chapter must be deposited in the State
15 Treasury for credit to the Motor Vehicle Fund.

16 **Sec. 3.** NRS 486.061 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 486.061 1. Except for a nonresident who is at least 16 years
18 of age and is authorized by the person's state of residency to drive a
19 motorcycle, a person shall not drive:

20 ~~(1)~~ (a) A motorcycle, except a trimobile, upon a highway
21 unless that person holds a valid motorcycle driver's license issued
22 pursuant to NRS 486.011 to 486.381, inclusive, a driver's license
23 issued pursuant to chapter 483 of NRS endorsed to authorize the
24 holder to drive a motorcycle or a permit issued pursuant to
25 subsection 4 or 5 of NRS 483.280.

26 ~~(2)~~ (b) A trimobile upon a highway unless that person holds a
27 valid motorcycle driver's license issued pursuant to NRS 486.011 to
28 486.381, inclusive, or a driver's license issued pursuant to chapter
29 483 of NRS.

30 *2. If, pursuant to NRS 486.381, a court of competent*
31 *jurisdiction finds that a person has violated the requirement of*
32 *paragraph (a) of subsection 1, the court shall permit the person to*
33 *complete a course of motorcycle safety in lieu of assessing a fine*
34 *for the violation. The course of motorcycle safety must be*
35 *completed within 9 months of the date of the final order of the*
36 *court and proof of successful completion of the course must be*
37 *filed with the court.*

38 **Sec. 4.** NRS 486.161 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 486.161 1. Every motorcycle driver's license expires as
40 prescribed by regulation.

41 2. The Department shall adopt regulations prescribing when a
42 motorcycle driver's license expires.

43 3. Every *motorcycle driver's* license is renewable at any time
44 before its expiration upon application, submission of the statement
45 required pursuant to NRS 486.084 and payment of the required fee.



1 4. Every motorcycle endorsement to a driver's license issued
2 on or after January 1, 1972 ~~[- expires]~~ :

3 (a) ~~Expires~~ simultaneously with the expiration of the driver's
4 license ~~[-]~~ ; and

5 (b) *May only be renewed upon the successful completion of a*
6 *course of motorcycle safety approved by the Department by:*

7 (1) *A person who is least 16 but not more than 29 years of*
8 *age, at least once every 8 years after the initial issuance of the*
9 *endorsement; and*

10 (2) *A person who is 30 years of age or older, at least once*
11 *every 12 years after the initial issuance of the endorsement,*

12 *↳ Proof of successful completion of the course must be submitted*
13 *to the Department in person or via electronic means before an*
14 *applicant may apply for renewal of a motorcycle endorsement.*

15 ~~[4.]~~ 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 1 of NRS
16 483.384, each applicant for renewal must appear before an examiner
17 for a driver's license and successfully pass a test of the applicant's
18 eyesight.

19 **Sec. 5.** NRS 486.373 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 486.373 ~~[4.]~~ A resident of this State who holds a driver's
21 license, a motorcycle driver's license or a motorcycle endorsement
22 to a driver's license or who is eligible to apply for such a license or
23 endorsement, or a nonresident who is a member of the Armed
24 Forces of the United States, a reserve component thereof or the
25 National Guard and who is stationed at a military installation
26 located in Nevada, may enroll in the Program.

27 ~~[2.—The Director shall establish a fee of not more than \$150 for~~
28 ~~the Program.]~~

29 **Sec. 6.** NRS 486.375 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 486.375 1. A person who:

31 (a) ~~Is a resident of this State or is a member of the Armed~~
32 ~~Forces of the United States stationed at a military installation~~
33 ~~located in Nevada;~~

34 ~~—(b)]~~ Is at least 21 years old;

35 ~~[(e)]~~ (b) Holds a motorcycle driver's license or a motorcycle
36 endorsement to a driver's license issued by the Department;

37 ~~[(d) Has held a motorcycle driver's license or endorsement for at~~
38 ~~least 2 years; and~~

39 ~~—(e)]~~ and

40 (c) Is certified as an instructor of motorcycle riders by a
41 nationally recognized public or private organization which is
42 approved by the Director,

43 *↳ may apply to the Department for a license as an instructor for the*
44 *Program.*



1 2. The Department shall not license a person as an instructor if,
2 within 2 years before the person submits an application for a license:

3 (a) The person has accumulated three or more demerit points
4 pursuant to the uniform system of demerit points established
5 pursuant to NRS 483.473, or has been convicted of, or found to have
6 committed, traffic violations of comparable number and severity in
7 another jurisdiction; or

8 (b) The person's driver's license was suspended or revoked in
9 any jurisdiction.

10 3. The Director shall adopt standards and procedures for the
11 licensing of instructors for the Program.

12 **Sec. 7.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and
13 approval.

14 2. Sections 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 of this act become effective:

15 (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any
16 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
17 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

18 (b) On January 1, 2024, for all other purposes.

19 3. Section 3 of this act becomes effective:

20 (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any
21 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
22 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

23 (b) On January 1, 2025, for all other purposes.

