

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 20—COMMITTEE
ON GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES)

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Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the Department of Motor Vehicles. (BDR 43-305)

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 the Department of Motor Vehicles; authorizing the imprinting of individualized symbols or codes for different medical conditions on driver’s licenses or identification cards; providing for the use of electronic mail for certain communications concerning liability insurance; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

- 1 Existing law authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to adopt regulations
- 2 establishing a program for the imprinting of a symbol indicating a medical
- 3 condition on a driver’s license or identification card. If such a program is adopted,
- 4 existing law: (1) requires the Department to adopt a single symbol to indicate that a
- 5 person has a medical condition; and (2) prohibits the Department from adopting
- 6 individualized symbols for different medical conditions. (NRS 483.3485, 483.863)
- 7 **Sections 1 and 2** of this bill authorize the Department to adopt individualized
- 8 symbols or codes for different medical conditions in addition to adopting the
- 9 required single symbol to indicate that a person has a medical condition.
- 10 Existing law requires the Department to mail to the registered owner of a motor
- 11 vehicle a request for information regarding the liability insurance covering the
- 12 motor vehicle, if the Department is unable to verify that the motor vehicle is
- 13 covered by a policy of liability insurance. If the Department does not receive the
- 14 requested information, existing law requires the Department to suspend the
- 15 registration of the motor vehicle after sending a notice of suspension of registration
- 16 by certified mail. (NRS 485.317) **Section 3** of this bill additionally authorizes the
- 17 Department to send a request for information regarding liability insurance coverage
- 18 by electronic mail, if the registered owner has elected to receive information from



19 the Department by electronic mail. **Section 3** also requires the Department to send a
20 notice of suspension of registration by electronic mail, if the registered owner has
21 elected to receive information from the Department by electronic mail, in addition
22 to sending the notice by certified mail.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 483.3485 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 483.3485 1. The Department may adopt regulations
4 establishing a program for the imprinting of a symbol indicating a
5 medical condition on a driver's license issued by the Department.

6 2. If the Department establishes a program pursuant to
7 subsection 1:

8 (a) ~~{Except as otherwise provided in this title, the}~~ *The*
9 Department shall adopt a single symbol for imprinting on a driver's
10 license to indicate a medical condition and ~~{shall not}~~ *may also*
11 adopt individualized symbols *or codes* for different medical
12 conditions.

13 (b) The regulations adopted by the Department must provide
14 that a person is eligible to have the symbol indicating a medical
15 condition imprinted on his or her driver's license if the person is:

- 16 (1) On anticoagulants; or
17 (2) A person with:
18 (I) Diabetes;
19 (II) Epilepsy;
20 (III) Blindness and low vision;
21 (IV) Deafness;
22 (V) Coronary atherosclerosis;
23 (VI) Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease;
24 (VII) A food allergy;
25 (VIII) Malignant hyperthermia;
26 (IX) Sickle cell disease;
27 (X) Systemic lupus erythematosus;
28 (XI) Heart disease;
29 (XII) Hemophilia;
30 (XIII) Schizophrenia;
31 (XIV) Depression; or
32 (XV) A mental illness.

33 (c) The Department shall maintain a record of the medical
34 condition for which the symbol indicating a medical condition was
35 imprinted on the driver's license of an eligible person. The record
36 must be maintained in the same location and manner as all other
37 records relating to the driver's license of the person, including,



1 without limitation, the records relating to the driver's license of the
2 person that are made available to law enforcement agencies. If
3 the Department maintains such information in the form of a code,
4 the code used must conform with the International Classification of
5 Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification, or the most current
6 revision, adopted by the National Center for Health Statistics and
7 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

8 (d) The Department shall maintain on the Internet website of the
9 Department information about the program established pursuant to
10 subsection 1, including, without limitation, the manner in which a
11 person may obtain a driver's license which has been imprinted with
12 a symbol indicating a medical condition.

13 (e) The regulations adopted by the Department may provide that
14 a person is eligible to have the symbol indicating a medical
15 condition imprinted on his or her driver's license to indicate such
16 other medical conditions not listed in paragraph (b) as the
17 Department deems appropriate. The Department shall provide a
18 means for members of the public to suggest additional medical
19 conditions for inclusion in the regulations adopted by the
20 Department.

21 3. The Department may apply for and accept any gift, grant,
22 appropriation or other donation to assist in carrying out a program
23 established pursuant to the provisions of this section.

24 **Sec. 2.** NRS 483.863 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 483.863 1. The Department may adopt regulations
26 establishing a program for the imprinting of a symbol indicating a
27 medical condition on an identification card issued by the
28 Department.

29 2. If the Department establishes a program pursuant to
30 subsection 1:

31 (a) ~~[Except as otherwise provided in this title, the]~~ *The*
32 Department shall adopt a single symbol for imprinting on an
33 identification card to indicate a medical condition and ~~[shall not]~~
34 *may also* adopt individualized symbols *or codes* for different
35 medical conditions.

36 (b) The regulations adopted by the Department must provide
37 that a person is eligible to have the symbol indicating a medical
38 condition imprinted on his or her identification card if the person is:

- 39 (1) On anticoagulants; or
40 (2) A person with:
41 (I) Diabetes;
42 (II) Epilepsy;
43 (III) Blindness and low vision;
44 (IV) Deafness;
45 (V) Coronary atherosclerosis;



- 1 (VI) Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease;
- 2 (VII) A food allergy;
- 3 (VIII) Malignant hyperthermia;
- 4 (IX) Sickle cell disease;
- 5 (X) Systemic lupus erythematosus;
- 6 (XI) Heart disease;
- 7 (XII) Hemophilia;
- 8 (XIII) Schizophrenia;
- 9 (XIV) Depression; or
- 10 (XV) A mental illness.

11 (c) The Department shall maintain a record of the medical
12 condition for which the symbol indicating a medical condition was
13 imprinted on the identification card of an eligible person. The record
14 must be maintained in the same location and manner as all other
15 records relating to the identification card of the person, including,
16 without limitation, the records relating to the identification card of
17 the person that are available to law enforcement agencies. If the
18 Department maintains such information in the form of a code, the
19 code used must conform with the International Classification of
20 Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification, or the most current
21 revision, adopted by the National Center for Health Statistics and
22 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

23 (d) The Department shall, at the time of the issuance or renewal
24 of an identification card, give the holder the opportunity to have
25 imprinted on his or her identification card a symbol indicating a
26 medical condition.

27 (e) The Department shall maintain on the Internet website of the
28 Department information about the program established pursuant to
29 subsection 1, including, without limitation, the manner in which a
30 person may obtain an identification card which has been imprinted
31 with a symbol indicating a medical condition.

32 (f) The regulations adopted by the Department may provide that
33 a person is eligible to have the symbol indicating a medical
34 condition imprinted on his or her identification card to indicate such
35 other medical conditions not listed in paragraph (b) as the
36 Department deems appropriate. The Department shall provide a
37 means for members of the public to suggest additional medical
38 conditions for inclusion in the regulations adopted by the
39 Department.

40 3. The Department may apply for and accept any gift, grant,
41 appropriation or other donation to assist in carrying out a program
42 established pursuant to the provisions of this section.



1 **Sec. 3.** NRS 485.317 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 485.317 1. The Department shall verify that each motor
3 vehicle which is registered in this State is covered by a policy of
4 liability insurance as required by NRS 485.185.

5 2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the
6 Department may use any information to verify whether a motor
7 vehicle is covered by a policy of liability insurance as required by
8 NRS 485.185. The Department may not use the name of the owner
9 of a motor vehicle as the primary means of verifying that a motor
10 vehicle is covered by a policy of liability insurance.

11 3. If the Department is unable to verify that a motor vehicle is
12 covered by a policy of liability insurance as required by NRS
13 485.185, the Department shall send a request for information by
14 first-class mail *or, if the registered owner of the motor vehicle has*
15 *elected to receive information from the Department by electronic*
16 *mail, by electronic mail* to the registered owner of the motor
17 vehicle. The owner shall submit all the information which is
18 requested to the Department within 15 days after the date on which
19 the request for information was ~~mailed~~ sent by the Department. If
20 the Department does not receive the requested information within 15
21 days after it ~~mailed~~ sent the request to the owner, the Department
22 shall send to the owner a notice of suspension of registration by
23 certified mail ~~[-]~~ *and, if the owner has elected to receive*
24 *information from the Department by electronic mail, by electronic*
25 *mail*. The notice must inform the owner that unless the Department
26 is able to verify that the motor vehicle is covered by a policy of
27 liability insurance as required by NRS 485.185 within 10 days after
28 the date on which the notice was sent by the Department, the
29 owner's registration will be suspended pursuant to subsection 4.

30 4. The Department shall suspend the registration and require
31 the return to the Department of the license plates of any vehicle for
32 which the Department cannot verify the coverage of liability
33 insurance required by NRS 485.185.

34 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, the
35 Department shall reinstate the registration of the vehicle and reissue
36 the license plates only upon verification of current insurance and
37 compliance with the requirements for reinstatement of registration
38 prescribed in paragraph (a) of subsection 7 of NRS 482.480.

39 6. If the Department suspends the registration of a motor
40 vehicle pursuant to subsection 4 because the registered owner of the
41 motor vehicle failed to have insurance on the date specified in the
42 form for verification, and if the registered owner, in accordance with
43 regulations adopted by the Department, proves to the satisfaction of
44 the Department that the owner was unable to comply with the
45 provisions of NRS 485.185 on that date because of extenuating



1 circumstances or that the motor vehicle was a dormant vehicle and
2 the owner failed to cancel the registration in accordance with
3 subsection 3 of NRS 485.320, the Department may:

4 (a) Reinstatement of the registration of the motor vehicle and reissue the
5 license plates upon payment by the registered owner of a fee of \$50,
6 which must be deposited in the Account for Verification of
7 Insurance created by subsection 7 of NRS 482.480; or

8 (b) Remove the suspension of the registration without the
9 payment of a fee or administrative fine.

10 ↪ The Department shall adopt regulations to carry out the
11 provisions of this subsection.

12 **Sec. 4.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and
13 approval.

14 2. Sections 1 and 2 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 October 1, 2025, for all other purposes.

19 3. Section 3 of this act becomes effective on October 1, 2025.



