
SENATE BILL NO. 91—SENATOR DOÑATE

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JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYMEMBER GONZÁLEZ

Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Establishes provisions relating to the use of diacritical marks in certain governmental records. (BDR 40-43)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Yes.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§ 1)
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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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 governmental records; requiring records of the State Registrar of Vital Statistics, each county health officer and the Department of Motor Vehicles to include a diacritical mark used in the name of a person; requiring licenses, identification cards and driver authorization cards issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles to display a diacritical mark used in the full legal name of a person; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law charges the State Registrar of Vital Statistics with maintaining and
2 preserving and each county health officer with collecting certain vital statistics,
3 which is defined as records of births, deaths, fetal deaths, marriages, annulments,
4 divorce and related information. (NRS 440.080, 440.110-440.260) **Section 1** of this
5 bill requires the State Registrar and each county health officer to ensure that a
6 diacritical mark used in the name of a person is properly recorded in the vital
7 statistics of the State Registrar and county health officer.

8 Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue: (1) licenses to
9 operate a motor vehicle or motorcycle, including, without limitation, instruction
10 permits, commercial driver’s licenses and motorcycle driver’s licenses; (2)
11 identification cards; and (3) driver authorization cards upon application, which



12 must include, among other requirements, the full legal name of the applicant. (NRS
13 483.2521, 483.270, 483.280, 483.290, 483.291, 483.340, 483.360, 483.375,
14 483.830, 483.850, 483.860, 483.8605, 483.908, 486.081) **Sections 2 and 5** of this
15 bill provide that if the full legal name of an applicant for such a license,
16 identification card or driver authorization card includes a diacritical mark, the
17 Department must ensure the diacritical mark is properly recorded in the records of
18 the Department and displayed on any license, identification card or driver
19 authorization card issued by the Department.

20 **Sections 1, 2 and 5** define “diacritical mark” as a mark in Latin script that is
21 added or attached to a letter to indicate the pronunciation of the letter or word.

22 **Section 3** of this bill provides that the provisions of **section 2** apply to
23 commercial driver’s licenses. **Sections 4 and 6** of this bill apply the existing
24 definitions in existing law to the provisions of **sections 1, 2 and 5**.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 440 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. If the name of a person includes a diacritical mark, the*
4 *State Registrar and each county health officer shall ensure that*
5 *the diacritical mark is properly recorded in the vital statistics of*
6 *the State Registrar or county health officer, as applicable.*

7 *2. As used in this section, “diacritical mark” means a mark in*
8 *Latin script that is added or attached to a letter to indicate the*
9 *pronunciation of the letter or word. The term includes, without*
10 *limitation, accents, tildes, graves, umlauts and cedillas.*

11 **Sec. 2.** Chapter 483 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
12 thereto a new section to read as follows:

13 *1. If the full legal name of an applicant for a license, a*
14 *commercial driver’s license, an identification card or a driver*
15 *authorization card includes a diacritical mark, the Department*
16 *shall ensure that the diacritical mark is properly recorded in the*
17 *records of the Department and displayed on any license,*
18 *identification card or driver authorization card issued by the*
19 *Department.*

20 *2. As used in this section, “diacritical mark” means a mark in*
21 *Latin script that is added or attached to a letter to indicate the*
22 *pronunciation of the letter or word. The term includes, without*
23 *limitation, accents, tildes, graves, umlauts and cedillas.*

24 **Sec. 3.** NRS 483.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 483.015 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 483.330 **[]** and
26 *section 2 of this act*, the provisions of NRS 483.010 to 483.630,
27 inclusive, *and section 2 of this act*, apply only with respect to
28 noncommercial drivers’ licenses.



1 **Sec. 4.** NRS 483.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 483.020 As used in NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive, *and*
3 *section 2 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, the
4 words and terms defined in NRS 483.030 to 483.190, inclusive,
5 have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

6 **Sec. 5.** Chapter 486 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
7 thereto a new section to read as follows:

8 1. *If the full legal name of an applicant for a motorcycle*
9 *driver's license includes a diacritical mark, the Department shall*
10 *ensure that the diacritical mark is properly recorded in the records*
11 *of the Department and displayed on any motorcycle driver's*
12 *license issued by the Department.*

13 2. *As used in this section, "diacritical mark" means a mark in*
14 *Latin script that is added or attached to a letter to indicate the*
15 *pronunciation of the letter or word. The term includes, without*
16 *limitation, accents, tildes, graves, umlauts and cedillas.*

17 **Sec. 6.** NRS 486.011 is hereby amended to read as follows:
18 486.011 As used in NRS 486.011 to 486.381, inclusive, *and*
19 *section 5 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, the
20 words and terms defined in NRS 486.015 to 486.057, inclusive,
21 have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

22 **Sec. 7.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any
23 additional expenses of a local government that are related to the
24 provisions of this act.

25 **Sec. 8.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2025.



