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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 161—ASSEMBLYMEN C.H. MILLER AND
BILBRAY-AXELROD

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Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the identification of persons. (BDR 43-635)

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 governmental administration; requiring, under certain circumstances, that the Department of Motor Vehicles place a designation on a vehicle registration, driver’s license or identification card for a person with a communication impairment; 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 or other indicator of a
3 medical condition on a driver’s license or identification card. (NRS 483.3485,
4 483.863) Existing law further requires, upon the application of a person with a
5 disability which limits or impairs the ability to walk, that the Department place a
6 designation on any driver’s license or identification card issued to the person
7 indicating that the person is a person with such disability. (NRS 483.349, 483.865)
8 Existing law: (1) authorizes the Director of the Department to adopt and enforce
9 certain regulations relating to the registration of motor vehicles; and (2) requires,
10 with certain exceptions, every owner of a motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer to
11 apply to the Department or a registered dealer for registration thereof. (NRS
12 482.160, 482.205) **Sections 1, 1.5 and 1.7** of this bill require, upon the application
13 of a person with a communication impairment, that the Department place on any
14 vehicle registration, driver’s license or identification card issued to the person a
15 designation indicating that the person is a person with a communication
16 impairment. **Sections 1, 1.5 and 1.7** further prohibit the Department from requiring
17 any person to disclose that the person is a person with a communication
18 impairment.

19 As used in **sections 1, 1.5 and 1.7**, the term “a person with a communication
20 impairment” means a person who: (1) is deaf; (2) has a speech disorder; (3) has a
21 language disorder; (4) has an auditory processing disorder; (5) is neurodivergent; or



22 (6) has any other condition that impairs the ability of the person to comprehend
23 language.

24 **Sections 2 and 3** of this bill make conforming changes to indicate the proper
25 placement of **section 1.5** in the Nevada Revised Statutes.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 482 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. Upon the application of a person with a communication*
4 *impairment, the Department shall place on any vehicle*
5 *registration issued to the person pursuant to the provisions of this*
6 *chapter a designation that the person is a person with a*
7 *communication impairment.*

8 *2. The Department shall not require any person to disclose*
9 *that the person is a person with a communication impairment.*

10 *3. As used in this section, "a person with a communication*
11 *impairment" means a person who:*

12 *(a) Is deaf, as defined in NRS 426.084;*

13 *(b) Has a speech disorder that impairs the ability of the person*
14 *to articulate speech sounds, speak fluently or use the person's*
15 *voice;*

16 *(c) Has a language disorder that impairs the ability of the*
17 *person to comprehend language;*

18 *(d) Has an auditory processing disorder that impairs the ability*
19 *of the person to comprehend language;*

20 *(e) Is neurodivergent; or*

21 *(f) Has any other condition that impairs the ability of the*
22 *person to comprehend language.*

23 **Sec. 1.3.** Chapter 483 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
24 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 1.5 and 1.7 of this act.

25 **Sec. 1.5.** *1. Upon the application of a person with a*
26 *communication impairment, the Department shall place on any*
27 *driver's license issued to the person pursuant to the provisions of*
28 *this chapter a designation that the person is a person with a*
29 *communication impairment.*

30 *2. The Department shall not require any person to disclose*
31 *that the person is a person with a communication impairment.*

32 *3. As used in this section, "a person with a communication*
33 *impairment" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 1 of this act.*

34 **Sec. 1.7.** *1. Upon the application of a person with a*
35 *communication impairment, the Department shall place on any*
36 *identification card issued to the person pursuant to the provisions*



1 *of NRS 483.810 to 483.890, inclusive, a designation that the*
2 *person is a person with a communication impairment.*

3 2. *The Department shall not require any person to disclose*
4 *that the person is a person with a communication impairment.*

5 3. *As used in this section, “a person with a communication*
6 *impairment” has the meaning ascribed to it in section 1 of this act.*

7 **Sec. 2.** NRS 483.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 483.015 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 483.330, the
9 provisions of NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive, *and section 1.5 of*
10 *this act* apply only with respect to noncommercial drivers’ licenses.

11 **Sec. 3.** NRS 483.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 483.020 As used in NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive, *and*
13 *section 1.5 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, the
14 words and terms defined in NRS 483.030 to 483.190, inclusive,
15 have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

16 **Sec. 4.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and
17 approval.

18 2. Sections 1 to 3, inclusive, of this act become effective:

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

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



