

Assembly Bill No. 161–Assemblymen C.H. Miller and Bilbray-Axelrod

CHAPTER.....

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 need; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to adopt regulations establishing a program for the imprinting of a symbol or other indicator of a medical condition on a driver’s license or identification card. (NRS 483.3485, 483.863) Existing law further requires, upon the application of a person with a disability which limits or impairs the ability to walk, that the Department place a designation on any driver’s license or identification card issued to the person indicating that the person is a person with such disability. (NRS 483.349, 483.865) Existing law: (1) authorizes the Director of the Department to adopt and enforce certain regulations relating to the registration of motor vehicles; and (2) requires, with certain exceptions, every owner of a motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer to apply to the Department or a registered dealer for registration thereof. (NRS 482.160, 482.205) Effective January 1, 2024, **sections 1.5 and 1.7** of this bill require, upon the application of a person with a communication need, that the Department place on any driver’s license or identification card issued to the person a designation indicating that the person is a person with a communication need. Effective January 1, 2026, **section 3.5** of this bill requires, upon the application of a person with a communication need, that the Department place on any vehicle registration issued to the person a designation indicating that the person is a person with a communication need.

**Sections 1, 1.5 and 1.7** prohibit the Department from requiring any person to disclose that the person is a person with a communication need. For the purposes of **sections 1, 1.5 and 1.7**, the term “a person with a communication need” means a person who: (1) is deaf; (2) has a speech disorder; (3) has a language disorder; (4) has an auditory processing disorder; (5) is neurodivergent; or (6) has any other condition that impairs the ability of the person to comprehend language.

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

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

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

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

***1. The Department shall not require any person to disclose that the person is a person with a communication need.***



2. *As used in this section, “a person with a communication need” means a person who:*

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

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

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

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

(e) *Is neurodivergent; or*

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

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

**Sec. 1.5.** 1. *Upon the application of a person with a communication need, the Department shall place on any driver’s license issued to the person pursuant to the provisions of this chapter a designation that the person is a person with a communication need.*

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

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

**Sec. 1.7.** 1. *Upon the application of a person with a communication need, the Department shall place on any identification card issued to the person pursuant to the provisions of NRS 483.810 to 483.890, inclusive, a designation that the person is a person with a communication need.*

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

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

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

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

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

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



**Sec. 3.5.** Section 1 of this act is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

2. The Department shall not require any person to disclose that the person is a person with a communication need.

~~2.~~ 3. As used in this section, “a person with a communication need” means a person who:

- (a) Is deaf, as defined in NRS 426.084;
- (b) Has a speech disorder that impairs the ability of the person to articulate speech sounds, speak fluently or use the person’s voice;
- (c) Has a language disorder that impairs the ability of the person to comprehend language;
- (d) Has an auditory processing disorder that impairs the ability of the person to comprehend language;
- (e) Is neurodivergent; or
- (f) Has any other condition that impairs the ability of the person to comprehend language.

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

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

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

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

3. Section 3.5 of this act becomes effective:

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

(b) On January 1, 2026, for all other purposes.

