

New DMV Traffic Laws 2005 QUICK TIPS

Nevada Laws You Should Know

Here are some important new traffic laws passed by the 2005 Nevada Legislature. A short description of each is followed by its effective date, legislative bill number and applicable Nevada Revised Statute or NRS Chapter.

Teen Driving

Visit www.dmvnv.com for all of the new requirements for drivers under 18 years of age. There are two new traffic laws that apply after a teen driver has been issued a full license. (10/1/05 - AB 52 - NRS Chapter 484)

- **10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Curfew** - Drivers under 18 may not drive during these hours unless they are traveling to or from a scheduled event such as work or school. This applies to all underage drivers until they turn 18 years old.
- **Passenger Restrictions** - Drivers may not transport passengers under 18, except for immediate family members, for the first three months after receiving a full license.



Unsupervised Children

It is now a crime to leave a child age 7 or under alone in a vehicle, without the supervision of someone who is at least age 12, if the conditions present a serious risk to the health and safety of the child or if the engine is running or the keys are in the ignition. (10/1/05 - SB 287 - NRS Chapter 202)

Handicapped Parking

The minimum fine for illegally parking in a handicapped parking space has been raised to \$250.



The disabled person who owns the plates or placards may be cited for allowing another person to use them improperly.

DMV now issues Authorization Letters that contain the name and address of the disabled person. The letter must be kept in the vehicle that has handicapped plates or with the person who is using a placard. (10/01/05 - SB 269 - NRS 484.408)

Center Turn Lanes

A vehicle may travel up to 50 feet in a center turn lane before merging with traffic after making a left turn from a side street. Vehicles intending to turn from a center turn lane onto a side street may not travel more than 200 feet in the center turn lane. (10/1/05 - AB 381 - NRS 484.305)

More New Laws



Once a Felon, Always a Felon

DUI offenders who have been convicted once on felony DUI charges will face felony charges on all subsequent arrests. A conviction carries a minimum sentence of 2 years in prison and a \$2,000 fine. (10/1/05 - Special Session AB 1 - NRS 484.3792)

Vehicular Homicide/Homicide by Vessel

These are newly-established crimes for repeat DUI offenders who cause a death. Offenders who have been convicted of three prior DUIs and cause a death during any subsequent DUI will face a prison term of 25 years to life. (10/1/05 - AB 256 - NRS Chapter 484)

7-Year Rule

The provisions in which a repeat DUI is treated as a first offense after a period of 7 years do not apply to the new laws listed above.



Time spent in prison, confined in a treatment facility or on house arrest, parole or probation is now excluded from the 7 years. (10/1/05 - AB 550 - NRS 484.3792)

Vehicular Manslaughter

Drivers who cause a death through simple negligence, such as failure to yield, can be charged with this newly-created crime that carries a 1 year driver's license revocation. (10/01/05 - AB 295 - NRS Chapter 484)

Traffic Signal Changers

It is illegal for private citizens to possess, or offer for sale to private citizens, any device that changes a traffic signal to green or otherwise interferes with its operation. Law enforcement may seize any such device or seize a vehicle if a device is installed and cannot be removed. (10/1/05 - AB 348 - NRS Chapter 484)

Front License Plates



Front license plates do not have to be displayed if the vehicle was not designed for a front plate *and* the manufacturer does not offer any bracket or other means to attach the plate. DMV will continue to issue two plates. The owner must keep the unused plate and surrender it when the rear plate is surrendered. (7/1/05 - SB 251 - NRS 482.275)

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