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Transportation and Motor Vehicles; creation of unique numbers for driver's licenses

NEV. REV. STAT. §§ 481.063, 483.290, 483.340, 483.345, 483.410, 483.840, 483.860 (amended).

AB 58 (Jeffrey); 1989 STAT. Ch. 213

Prior law required the Department of Motor Vehicles and Public Safety (DMV)¹ to assign all qualified applicants a driver's license containing their Social Security number.² Chapter 213 requires all newly released or renewed licenses to contain a new and unique number drafted from the basis of the licensee's Social Security number.³ Additionally, upon request of a current licensee, the DMV must convert the licensee's Social Security number to a new and unique number.⁴

Chapter 213 requires driver's license applicants to submit proof of their Social Security number.⁵ Information may be provided by presenting either the original Social Security card or other records containing the Social Security number.⁶

Prior law allowed the Director of the DMV to release files and records of the DMV for private use.⁷ Chapter 213 prohibits the release of any person's Social Security number for use in a sales solicitation.⁸

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1. See NEV. REV. STAT. § 481.019 (1987) (duties of DMV).

2. 1969 Nev. Stat. ch. 342, sec. 1, at 595 (repealed by 1989 Nev. Stat. ch. 213, sec. 3, at ___).

3. 1989 Nev. Stat. ch. 213, secs. 2.5, 3, at(amending NEV. REV. STAT. §§ 483.340, 483.345). Chapter 213 requires the DMV to render a unique number if the applicant has no Social Security number. *Id.* sec. 3, at ___ (amending NEV. REV. STAT. § 483.345). See generally Shattuck, *In the Shadow of 1984: National Identification Systems, Computer Matching, and Privacy in the United States*, 35 HASTINGS L.J. 991, 996-1001 (1984) (discussion of disturbing technological capabilities and proposals that could diminish the legal protection of privacy and civil liberties in the United States).

4. 1989 Nev. Stat. ch. 213, sec. 3, at ___ (amending NEV. REV. STAT. § 483.345). The new driver's license number must be drafted from the Social Security number. *Id.* The Department can render a new license after the licensee relinquishes the outstanding license. *Id.* Chapter 213 prohibits the DMV from collecting fees for converting licenses to contain unique numbers. *Id.* sec. 4, at ___ (amending NEV. REV. STAT. § 483.410).

5. *Id.* sec. 2, at ___ (amending NEV. REV. STAT. § 483.290).

6. *Id.* Employment or tax records may be used to document the Social Security number. *Id.* Chapter 213 provisions also apply to identification card applicants. *Id.* sec. 6, at ___ (amending NEV. REV. STAT. § 483.860).

7. 1985 Nev. Stat. ch. 212, sec. 1, at 686 (repealed by 1989 Nev. Stat. ch. 213, sec. 1, at ___). See generally NEV. ADMIN. CODE §§ 481.500-.530 (1988) (procedures and regulations for evaluating requests for information).

8. 1989 Nev. Stat. ch. 213, sec. 1, at ___ (amending NEV. REV. STAT. § 481.063). Existing law allows the Director of DMV to deny use of the records if the proposed use is reasonably believed to be an invasion of privacy. NEV. REV. STAT. § 481.063 3(b) (1987).