

SENATE BILL NO. 440—COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE, LABOR AND ENERGY

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Referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to insurance.
(BDR 57-983)

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 insurance; revising provisions relating to
casualty insurance for certain uses of motor vehicles; and
providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law requires every owner or operator of a motor vehicle which is
2 registered in this State to continuously provide insurance for the payment of tort
3 liabilities arising from the maintenance or use of the motor vehicle subject to
4 certain requirements for coverage. (NRS 485.185, 485.186) This bill provides
5 different requirements for coverage for a motor vehicle which is used by a driver in
6 connection with a transportation network company. **Section 4** of this bill defines a
7 “transportation network company” as an entity that uses a digital network or
8 software application service to connect passengers to drivers who can provide
9 transportation services. **Section 6** of this bill defines “transportation services” as the
10 transportation by motor vehicle of one or more passengers between points chosen
11 by the passenger or passengers and prearranged with a driver through the use of the
12 digital network or software application service of a transportation network
13 company.

14 **Section 7** of this bill requires a transportation network company to make
15 certain disclosures to a person before entering into an agreement with that person to
16 provide transportation services as a driver. **Section 8** of this bill requires a
17 transportation network company or a driver to continuously provide insurance
18 subject to certain requirements for coverage. **Section 8** specifies whether the
19 transportation network company insurance may be provided by the transportation
20 network company, the driver or both. **Section 8** requires the transportation network
21 company to provide certain insurance which provides coverage if the insurance
22 provided by the driver is insufficient for certain reasons. **Section 8** allows a policy
23 of transportation network company insurance to include certain additional
24 coverages. **Section 8** prohibits an insurer who provides a policy of transportation



25 network company insurance from requiring a driver's personal policy of
26 automobile insurance to deny a claim before providing coverage.

27 **Section 9** of this bill provides that a personal policy of automobile insurance is
28 not required to include transportation network company insurance. **Section 9**
29 authorizes an insurer to include transportation network company insurance in such
30 a policy and allows the insurer to charge an additional premium for doing so.

31 **Section 10** of this bill requires a transportation network company, a driver and
32 an insurer who provides transportation network company insurance to cooperate in
33 the investigation of an accident. **Section 11** of this bill requires a driver: (1) to carry
34 proof of transportation network company insurance at all times when the driver is
35 logged into the digital network or software application service of the transportation
36 network company, available to receive requests for transportation services or
37 providing transportation services; and (2) to provide proof of coverage to a law
38 enforcement officer and to any other party with whom the driver is involved in an
39 accident.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 690B of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 11, inclusive, of this
3 act.

4 **Sec. 2.** *As used in sections 2 to 11, inclusive, of this act, the*
5 *words and terms defined in sections 3 to 6, inclusive, of this act*
6 *have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.*

7 **Sec. 3.** *“Driver” means a natural person who:*

8 *1. Operates a motor vehicle that is owned, leased or otherwise*
9 *authorized for use by the person; and*

10 *2. Enters into an agreement with a transportation network*
11 *company to receive connections to potential passengers and*
12 *related services from the transportation network company in*
13 *exchange for the payment of a fee to the transportation network*
14 *company.*

15 **Sec. 4.** *“Transportation network company” means an entity*
16 *that uses a digital network or software application service to*
17 *connect a passenger to a driver who can provide transportation*
18 *services to the passenger.*

19 **Sec. 5.** *“Transportation network company insurance” means*
20 *a policy of insurance that includes coverage specifically for the*
21 *use of a vehicle by a driver pursuant to sections 2 to 11, inclusive,*
22 *of this act.*

23 **Sec. 6.** *“Transportation services” means the transportation*
24 *by a driver of one or more passengers between points chosen by*
25 *the passenger or passengers and prearranged through the use of*
26 *the digital network or software application service of a*
27 *transportation network company. The term includes only the*
28 *period beginning when a driver accepts a request for*



1 *transportation received through the digital network or software*
2 *application service of a transportation network company and*
3 *ending when the passenger or passengers exit the motor vehicle*
4 *operated by the driver.*

5 **Sec. 7.** *Before entering into an agreement with a natural*
6 *person to provide transportation services as a driver, a*
7 *transportation network company shall, in writing:*

8 *1. Disclose the insurance coverage and limits of liability that*
9 *the transportation network company provides for a driver while*
10 *the driver is providing transportation services; and*

11 *2. Notify the person that his or her insurance for the*
12 *operation of a motor vehicle required pursuant to NRS 485.185*
13 *may not provide coverage for the use of a motor vehicle to provide*
14 *transportation services.*

15 **Sec. 8.** *1. Every transportation network company or driver*
16 *shall continuously provide, during any period in which the driver*
17 *is providing transportation services, transportation network*
18 *company insurance provided by an insurance company licensed by*
19 *the Division of Insurance of the Department of Business and*
20 *Industry and approved to do business in this State:*

21 *(a) In an amount of not less than \$1,500,000 for bodily injury*
22 *to or death of one or more persons and injury to or destruction of*
23 *property of others in any one accident that occurs while the driver*
24 *is providing transportation services;*

25 *(b) In an amount of not less than \$50,000 for bodily injury to*
26 *or death of one person in any one accident that occurs while the*
27 *driver is logged into the digital network or software application*
28 *service of the transportation network company and available to*
29 *receive requests for transportation services but is not otherwise*
30 *providing transportation services;*

31 *(c) Subject to the minimum amount for one person required by*
32 *paragraph (b), in an amount of not less than \$100,000 for bodily*
33 *injury to or death of two or more persons in any one accident that*
34 *occurs while the driver is logged into the digital network or*
35 *software application service of the transportation network*
36 *company and available to receive requests for transportation*
37 *services but is not otherwise providing transportation services; and*

38 *(d) In an amount of not less than \$25,000 for injury to or*
39 *destruction of property of others in any one accident that occurs*
40 *while the driver is logged into the digital network or software*
41 *application service of the transportation network company and*
42 *available to receive requests for transportation services but is not*
43 *otherwise providing transportation services,*

44 *↳ for the paying of tort liabilities arising from the maintenance*
45 *or use of the motor vehicle.*



1 2. *The transportation network company insurance required*
2 *by:*

3 (a) *Paragraph (a) of subsection 1 may be provided through*
4 *one or a combination of insurance policies provided by the*
5 *transportation network company or the driver, or both.*

6 (b) *Paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of subsection 1, except as*
7 *otherwise provided in subsection 3, must be provided by the driver.*
8 *Insurance in the amounts required by paragraphs (b), (c) and (d)*
9 *of subsection 1 must be provided by the driver, as required by NRS*
10 *485.185, while the driver is not logged into the digital network or*
11 *software application service of the transportation network*
12 *company, not available to receive requests for transportation*
13 *services and not providing transportation services.*

14 3. *Every transportation network company shall continuously*
15 *provide, during any period in which the driver is providing*
16 *transportation services, transportation network company*
17 *insurance provided by an insurance company licensed by the*
18 *Division of Insurance of the Department of Business and Industry*
19 *and approved to do business in this State which meets the*
20 *requirements of subsection 1 if the insurance provided by the*
21 *driver:*

22 (a) *Lapses;*

23 (b) *Fails to meet the requirements of subsection 1;*

24 (c) *Denies a claim pursuant to the coverage required by*
25 *subsection 1; or*

26 (d) *Otherwise does not exist or ceases to exist.*

27 4. *Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 485.185 and*
28 *485.186 which require the owner or operator of a motor vehicle to*
29 *provide insurance, a transportation network company insurance*
30 *shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements of NRS 485.185 or*
31 *485.186, as appropriate, regardless of whether the insurance is*
32 *provided by the transportation network company or the driver, or*
33 *both, if the transportation network company insurance otherwise*
34 *satisfies the requirements of NRS 485.185 or 485.186, as*
35 *appropriate.*

36 5. *In addition to the coverage required pursuant to subsection*
37 *1, a policy of transportation network company insurance may*
38 *include additional coverage, including, without limitation,*
39 *coverage for medical payments, coverage for uninsured or*
40 *underinsured motorists, comprehensive coverage and collision*
41 *coverage.*

42 6. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, an insurer*
43 *who provides transportation network company insurance shall not*
44 *require a policy of insurance for the operation of a motor vehicle*
45 *required pursuant to NRS 485.185 or 485.186, as appropriate, to*



1 *deny a claim before the transportation network company*
2 *insurance provides coverage for a claim.*

3 7. *An insurer who provides transportation network company*
4 *insurance has a duty to defend and indemnify the driver and the*
5 *transportation network company.*

6 8. *A transportation network company that provides*
7 *transportation network company insurance for a motor vehicle is*
8 *not deemed to be the owner of the motor vehicle.*

9 **Sec. 9.** 1. *A policy of insurance for the operation of a*
10 *motor vehicle required pursuant to NRS 485.185 or 485.186, as*
11 *appropriate, is not required to include transportation network*
12 *company insurance and, unless the insurer includes*
13 *transportation network company insurance in the policy pursuant*
14 *to subsection 2, the insurer providing such a policy does not have*
15 *a duty to defend or indemnify a driver for any claim arising during*
16 *any period in which the driver is logged into the digital network or*
17 *software application service of the transportation network*
18 *company, available to receive requests for transportation services*
19 *or providing transportation services.*

20 2. *An insurer who provides a policy of insurance for the*
21 *operation of a motor vehicle required pursuant to NRS 485.185 or*
22 *485.186, as appropriate, may include transportation network*
23 *company insurance in such a policy. An insurer may charge an*
24 *additional premium for the inclusion of transportation network*
25 *company insurance in such a policy.*

26 **Sec. 10.** *In any investigation relating to tort liability arising*
27 *from the operation of a motor vehicle, each transportation*
28 *network company and driver, and each insurer providing*
29 *transportation network company insurance to a transportation*
30 *network company or driver, who is involved in the underlying*
31 *incident shall cooperate with any other insurer involved in the*
32 *investigation and share information, including, without limitation,*
33 *the dates and times that:*

34 1. *An accident occurred involving a driver.*

35 2. *A driver involved in an accident logged into the digital*
36 *network or software application service of the transportation*
37 *network company.*

38 3. *A driver involved in an accident logged out of the digital*
39 *network or software application service of the transportation*
40 *network company.*

41 **Sec. 11.** 1. *A driver shall carry proof of coverage under a*
42 *policy of transportation network company insurance at all times*
43 *when the driver is logged into the digital network or software*
44 *application service of the transportation network company,*



- 1 *available to receive requests for transportation services or*
2 *providing transportation services.*
3 2. *A driver shall provide proof of coverage under a policy of*
4 *transportation network company insurance upon request to a law*
5 *enforcement officer and to any party with whom the driver is*
6 *involved in an accident.*

