

Assembly

MINUTES OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING - 56TH NEVADA
ASSEMBLY SESSION - FEBRUARY 16, 1971

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Present: Lowman, F. Young, Kean, Howard, Prince and
Valentine

Excused: Ashworth

Chairman Lowman convened the meeting of the Transportation Committee with representatives of various companies and organizations present to testify on bills A.B. 258, 285, 211, 23, and S.B. 63 at 10:15 a.m. in Room 240.

A.B. 258 - requires proof of ownership of a vehicle before issuance of certificate of registration.

Valentine spoke in regard to certificates of ownership. He said that a certificate is never mailed in Carson City with a title in the proper name. The title is sometimes not the title of the private purchaser. It is not transferred. Therefore, a person may be legally liable for any violation or action against the vehicle since he is the registered owner (although he has sold his car to another party) and the bank is the legal owner and could repossess the vehicle from the registered party. The change of title would also mean additional revenues.

John Ciardella, Department of Motor Vehicles, advised that they are basically for the bill but feel they need a little leeway in item 2 to provide for a vehicle whose title cannot be released. Some legal owners do not release the title and the Department would like to use a non-negotiable instrument, goldenrod copy, to show the legal owner. He further advised that California issues a goldenrod because they title and register the vehicles there at the same time.

Richard Herz, Chief, Registration Division, advised they were for the bill but felt that there are some problems in it. At present, they allow a person to come in and register a vehicle without title. He discussed some of the other problems involved. They would need to hire additional clerks and additional book-keeping personnel. If a person does not have a title or proof of title, that person cannot register his vehicle except by a temporary license. He advised that they would need to hire approximately ten more people in the Reno and Las Vegas offices.

Valentine suggested placing a fee on a 30-day permit.

Robert Guinn, Nevada Motor Transportation Association, advised if this bill is reported out, it should have an amendment for those vehicles operating across state lines. Commercial freight vehicles are registered based on the total freight miles traveled in this State.

A.B. 285 - prescribes proper equipment and operation of motorcycles and establishes motorcycle driver's license procedure.*

Bill Fitzpatrick, Safety Traffic Division, advised that he considers this very good legislation. He described the classification numbering system presently used for drivers' licenses. He suggested some revisions to the bill as presently written as follows: Section 7, line 20, "a person shall not drive a motorcycle upon a highway unless such person holds a valid motorcycle driver's license issued pursuant to this chapter", should be changed to "driver's license or endorsement to operate a Class 4 vehicle or a Class 4 instructive license"; Section 8, line 23, he needs no instruction permit if he is driving this on private property; Page 2, line 6, subsection a, he suggested dropping; Page 2, line 28, paragraph 3, should be changed to between the ages of "15 1/2 and 21" to be consistent, chapter 483 says "21"; Page 3, line 47, paragraph 3, should be changed to "\$5" to be consistent; Page 3, Section 18, line 49, shall expire on the "4th anniversary of the date of birth" rather than the 2nd; Page 6, Section 36, a one license concept, it should be singular not plural.

Lowman advised that this bill would be put on the agenda for Tuesday, February 23.

A.B. 23 -- permits appointment of highway patrolmen within budgetary limitations.

Amendments to this bill were read as follows: Section 1, line 6, should be changed from 5 to 15, "482.480, but no more than 15 such additional patrolmen may be added in any 1 fiscal year"; Paragraph 10 by deleting "for the use and support, through augmentation of the personnel, of the Nevada highway patrol. Any balance remaining in such fund at the end of a fiscal year shall be deposited in the state highway fund in the state treasury", and adding "to be used only for the purposes specified in NRS 481.145"; "Section 3, This act shall become effective upon passage and approval."

S.B. 63 - makes administrative changes relating to tax returns under special fuel tax law.

Amendments to this bill were read as follows: An Act relating to the special fuel tax; making administrative changes relating to tax returns and refunds; permitting the assignee of a special fuel user to recover judgment in an action for a refund; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. Additions to this bill are Section 4, Section 5, and Section 6 (see first reprint).

A.B. 211 -- increases permissible width of house trailers on highways. Amendments were discussed (changes in lines 25 and 28 per previous minutes). Mr. Getto did not appear to testify for this bill.

Lowman advised it would be put on the desk this afternoon.

James Lambert, Superintendent, Law Enforcement Division, asked that A.B. 23 be effective on passage and approval rather than July 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

*A.B. 285 - Delete reference to powercycle in definition of
motorcycle.

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ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Date FEB. 16, 1971 Time 10:00 a.m. Room 240

Bills or Resolutions
to be considered

Subject

Counsel
requested*

A.B. 258

REQUIRES PROOF OF OWNERSHIP OF A VEHICLE
BEFORE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF
REGISTRATION.

A.B. 285

PRESCRIBES PROPER EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION
OF MOTORCYCLES AND ESTABLISHES MOTORCYCLE
DRIVER'S LICENSE PROCEDURE.

A.B. 211

INCREASES PERMISSIBLE WIDTH OF HOUSE TRAILERS
ON HIGHWAYS.

A.B. 23

PERMITS APPOINTMENT OF HIGHWAY PATROLMEN
WITHIN BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS.

S.B. 63

MAKES ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES RELATING TO
TAX RETURNS UNDER SPECIAL FUEL TAX LAW.

*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

HEARINGS PENDING

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