

Assembly

MINUTES OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING - 56TH NEVADA
ASSEMBLY SESSION - FEBRUARY 24, 1971

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

Chairman Lowman convened the meeting of the Transportation Committee with representatives of various companies and organizations present to testify on bill A.B. 81 at 10:40 a.m. in Room 240.

A.B. 81 - Excludes old motor vehicles from standard requirements of licensing and registration.

David Collins, President V-8 Club, and Harold Hansen, President Model A Club, were present to testify.

Collins advised that these two organizations encourage car restorations. He said that the Model A Club has 35 members and 60 cars and that the V-8 Club has 30 members and 50 cars. To help pay their costs, they have special activities with the cars. They have people coming into Nevada from other states, therefore, supporting the Chamber of Commerce. Their main objective is safety. (See attached sheet, "Old Car Licensing Laws".) Mr. Collins further felt that a special registration should be given to cars used so little and special consideration for cars of a vintage period commencing with 1916, but not excluding older cars. He advised they would like a one-time licensing fee.

Valentine asked about insurance policies on these vehicles.

Hansen said that special insurance policies are available on these vehicles.

Larry Callaghan advised various insurance companies have such coverage. Some will write insurance at a 40% reduction.

Ashworth suggested having a license plate and a small renewal fee yearly with a number to be able to drive the car every day and still have the prestige plate.

Collins advised that the plate is not the purpose. They are asking for limited use only. There could be dual registration. Everyday use should be a regular license plate and then a distinctive license plate for other use with consecutive numbering.

Ashworth said that renewal stickers could be placed somewhere inside the car.

Collins said that one question was if the plate should stay with the car or the owner. He advised that some states require a new plate yearly.

Marthalena Callaghan (with regard to the use of the cars) suggested writing in the following: "such use would include Sunday joy rides, road testing after repairs or restoration, and occasional trips to work several times a year, or a run to the drag strip".

Mary Collins had no objections to paying a renewal fee as long as it is a nominal fee. She felt that there should be special licensing on the cars and then paying of an annual fee on the cars. She encouraged passage of this bill.

Ashworth asked about the number of years for a car to be considered an "old timer".

Collins said that 30 and older should be so considered. They did not want to say a specific year but would prefer a time instead.

Richard Herz, Chief, Registration Division, said that he had previously stated in the previous meeting that they are for the bill. They are not for the waiver of registration fees or a long-term registration such as five years, however. This is similar to the Horseless Carriage group and is a criticism they have against the proposal. Another is the enforcement of the operation.

Ashworth asked if the annual renewal fee could be worked out by waiving the privilege tax and charging only a certain amount each year to keep their present license plates with the renewal.

Herz said he felt the proposal has merit.

Ashworth asked Hill if it would create a problem for the Department and the Highway Patrol if the renewal sticker is not on the license plates.

Howard Hill, Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, said that he thought it would. This would be taking vehicles about 25 years of age or older into consideration. There are 5,000 to 10,000 vehicles in this state that would fall under this law and that could run around without a sticker. If a vehicle does not have two plates, it would be stopped anyway. If it were stolen, it would be hard to trace. If the privilege tax is eliminated at \$6.00 per vehicle, the counties would lose between \$30,000 and \$60,000 per year.

Hill said that the \$6.50 registration had included \$1.00 for the Highway Patrol.

Ashworth suggested changing the vintage year. He preferred 35-year vintage.

Hill said that the Department does not feel it can draw a line between regular and special use.

Callaghan felt owners could sign affidavits.

Hansen asked where the conflict was with the Horseless Carriage classification.

Herz advised that with Horseless Carriage plates they could run the cars everyday.

Bill Fitzpatrick, Department of Motor Vehicles, felt it would not be constitutional to remove the privilege tax.

Herz advised that one plate costs \$.50, two plates cost \$1.00.

Ashworth said since \$6.00 is the going rate, then \$6.50 or \$7.00 would include registration and license plates.

Charlie Case, Carson City, felt there are some problems. He realizes the problem of enforcement.

The hearing was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

A.B. 415 - Requires high-voltage line safety devices on certain equipment.

Assemblyman Hal Smith advised the members of the committee the purpose of this bill was to prevent such equipment as forklifts and cranes from pulling down electric transmission lines. He advised that there is a device capable of eliminating this hazard. The device would probably cost about \$100.00.

Valentine said that this could be required under present law. He read 618.100 and 618.213, sub-section 3, and further advised the NIC enforces this law.

On A.B. 81 - Ashworth said he would like to see this bill amended or a new bill introduced to cover a registration charge of \$6.50 for the privilege tax and to change the years to 35.

Prince felt it should be 30 years.

Valentine suggested 41's or older.

Young was in agreement.

Robert Guinn, Nevada Motor Transportation Association, said the privilege tax is \$6.00 and \$1.00 is for the Highway Patrol. The fee must be waived if the \$1.00 is not to be collected. The registration fee could also be waived.

Ashworth suggested having a total registration fee - \$6.00 privilege tax and \$1.00 for the Highway Patrol.

Robert Guinn proposed to leave the privilege tax alone, not collect the \$1.00 and go into the registration section (482) and put a registration or minimal fee for old timers' plates and put a fee there.

Ashworth moved to amend the bill to have \$1.00 registration fee, a number on the plate and a 41 model or older. He felt an affidavit was needed and the sticker should be the Department's problem. This was seconded by Kean and unanimously passed as amended.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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'OLD CAR' LICENSING LAWS

Antique registration is permanent in 33 states, renewable in 19. Of 38 states reporting fees, 23 states charge a one-time permanent fee, ranging from \$5 to \$25. \$10 is about average. Restrictions vary greatly on use, inspection and insurance.

Listed below is a partial list of states and fees. Included in the magazine article are also District of Columbia, Guam, and the Virgin Island.

State	Age Required	Fee	License Term	Inspection Required
1 Montana	30 years	\$ 5.00		
2 Nebraska	40 "	10.00	Permanent	No
3 Virginia	14+3 & Older	5.00	"	"
4 Wisconsin	40 years	5.00	"	Yes
5 Minnesota	1936 & older	5.00	"	"
6 Georgia	30 years	6.00	"	No
7 Tennessee	25 "	7.50	"	Yes
8 Alabama	25 "	8.50	"	No
9 Idaho	25 "	10.00	"	"
10 Missouri	30 "	10.00	"	"
11 Oregon	35 "	10.00	"	Random
12 S. Dakota	30 "	10.00	"	No
13 Utah	1932 or older	10.00	"	Yes
14 Indiana	25 years	15.00	"	No
15 Louisiana	1932 & older	15.00	"	Yes
16 New Jersey	25 years	25.00	"	No
Washington	30 "	25.00	"	"
18 Kansas	35 "	Not Stated	"	"
19 Kentucky	35 "	Not Stated	"	"

The above information is condensed from an article in 'The Restorer', the official magazine of the Model A Ford Club of America. The information was obtained by Mr Vernon W. Vogel from questionnaires sent to each of the fifty states and several territories.

ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Date FEB. 24, 1971 Time 10:00 a.m. Room 240

Bills or Resolutions
to be considered

Subject

Counsel
requested*

A.B. 81

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*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

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