

MINUTES OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING - 56TH NEVADA
ASSEMBLY SESSION - MARCH 17, 1971

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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 bills A.B. 638, 656, 660, 665, 675, 683 and S.B. 329 at 11:05 a.m. in Room 240.

A.B. 638 - Reduces registration fees on certain vehicles on a pro rata basis.

Chairman Lowman asked for proponents of the bill.

Leonard Winkelman, Internal Auditor for the Department of Motor Vehicles, said that the Department is in favor of the bill as written. However, they had asked at a previous meeting that a staggered registration on A.B. 628 be considered. It went to the floor without the staggered registration system. The Department wanted the same amendments for A.B. 628 concerning staggered registration amendments used for A.B. 638. (See attached.)

Lowman asked about the language on Page 2, lines 3-11.

Robert Guinn, Nevada Franchised Automobile Dealers Association, advised that it should have the same change in the language starting with line 7 regarding registration fees.

Valentine brought up about unladen vehicles weighing over 3,500 lbs. He suggested taking out sub-section 5 altogether.

Kean suggested new language for less than 3,500 lbs.

A discussion then resulted.

Valentine referred to 482.480 and also submitted a written amendment to Leonard Winkelman to read.

Winkelman then submitted his proposed amendments to Chairman Lowman.

A.B. 656 - Requires reflector pedals on bicycles after certain date.

Lt. Walter Hinz, Nevada State Highway Patrol, Planning and Records Department for the Department of Motor Vehicles, said that they favored the bill. However, they would like to amend line 18, sub-section 4, the last sentence, to conform to the government's 534.514, regarding reflectors. It would read: "such rear reflector approved which shall be visible 50 to 300 feet while in the upper beam lights of a vehicle".

F. Young came in at this point.

Hinz advised that this would apply to any new bicycles and any new pedals sold.

Howard Hill, Director, Department of Motor Vehicles, said the Department is for it because of the safety factor involved.

A.B. 660 - Requires establishment of construction and safety standards for mobile homes.

Chairman Lowman asked for proponents of the bill.

John Ciardella, Department of Motor Vehicles, said that this would help them with their Chapter 489. He said that it was a good bill because of the safety factor. Many other states have no such qualifications for mobile homes.

Richard Bast, State Fire Marshall, spoke regarding standards. He said that the problem is the growth in the mobile home industry. He gave figures on the number of mobile homes in the United States, the fire loss ratio, the insurance companies feelings on coverage of these homes and gave figures of fires and losses (which is about a 20% loss in fires in mobile homes). He then showed the committee a book of standards but did not present it.

Valentine said that nothing would prohibit their using these rules and regulations. He advised that line 13 on Page 1 and line 2 on Page 2 could be deleted without hurting the bill.

Keith Henriksen, Chairman, State Fire Advisory Board, spoke in behalf of the Nevada State Insurance Commissioner, said he would like this bill killed in place of another bill he is sponsoring. He is putting in a bill to put the licensing and registering into the Fire Commissioner's Office where it belongs instead of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

A.B. 665 - Extensively amends law governing garages, repair shops, and parking area keepers, automobile wreckers and abandoned vehicles.

Ciardella advised that this was the Department's bill. He said that they had a misprint from the bill drafter's office on Page 2, lines 28-39. He submitted an amendment to correct this. This was to allow wrecking yards to sell their used cars instead of having a separate space for selling the junk and cars. This way they could use the same location. He further advised that after they have licensed a dealer and before a vehicle can come back onto the highway, it has to be safety inspected. (See attached.)

Guinn questioned Page 1, lines 11 and 12, and said it has been

amended that apparently a person has to report two times about a stolen vehicle. He felt it is unreasonable to report to more than one person or place. He wanted to know what the Department wanted.

Ciardella advised that the Department has to advise the lien holder when a car is reported stolen. He said that the law enforcement agency should be notified first and then the Department of Motor Vehicles should be notified.

Lowman advised that some committee members read this to mean that two and others that three agencies had to be notified.

Kean suggested having the public notify one and then the one notified advise any others.

Ashworth suggested having line 8 read, "to one of the following".

Guinn felt that the best way was to have the people report to the Department of Motor Vehicles and then have the Department report to the law enforcement agency.

Ciardella said that this could be done.

Guinn referred to Page 2, line 11, and the need to have a signature on the lien charges and felt this was alright. Starting with line 19, he felt the bill language in the law requires a garage operator to trace down the registered or legal owner before he can place a lien on the automobile. The garage owners are opposed to changing this. He advised that John Ciardella had said that the Department could run these people down.

Lowman referred to the top of Page 3 regarding abandoned vehicles.

Guinn had no objection as he did not know what it meant either. He said if it meant abandoning vehicles on public highways, etc., it should so be defined. He did not have any comments about the misdemeanor.

Ciardella advised that A.B. 665 was a Departmental bill. He said that they wanted to get rid of abandoned vehicles before they were stripped and a lot of other cars were dumped too.

S.B. 329 - Authorizes issuance of work permit to person whose driver's license has been revoked.

Bill Fitzpatrick, Safety Traffic Division, said that they were not in favor of this bill. This bill would put a man back on the road much faster than he is currently authorized. He said that alcohol has been used in many of these cases. He said that currently there is a bill for a million dollars from the Federal Government for a program for the next three years to get the drinking driver off of the road.

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Valentine said there was a problem with sub-section B referring to suspended licenses for drunk driving.

Young said there was another problem and referred to sub-paragraph 1 and sub-paragraph 2.

A discussion then took place.

The hearing was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Prince and Young left at this point.

S.B. 257 - Establishes registry and driver's license examinations for persons who are blind, partially blind, or night blind.

Dr. Bob Robinson, Optometrist, could not be present for the hearing on Friday, March 19, so was allowed to testify on this bill at this time. He referred to Section 3 (A) and said that his objection, and that of other Optometrists, was that such report on a person should be considered privileged information. His biggest complaint is that people who have vision to be reported would not seek professional care. He further advised that there was no instrument for night blindness.

Kean moved to indefinitely postpone S.B. 257, Ashworth seconded and it was unanimously agreed that there would be no further hearing on this bill.

Lowman asked the Department of Motor Vehicles to propose an amendment to clean up A.B. 665. Valentine advised that he did not go for wrecking yards and used car lots.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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Date MAR. 17, 1971 Time 10:00 a.m. Room 240

<u>Bills or Resolutions to be considered</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Counsel requested*</u>
<u>A.B. 633</u>	<u>REDUCES REGISTRATION FEES ON CERTAIN VEHICLES ON A PRO RATA BASIS.</u>	<u></u>
<u>A.B. 656</u>	<u>REQUIRES REFLECTOR PEDALS ON BICYCLES AFTER CERTAIN DATE.</u>	<u></u>
<u>A.B. 660</u>	<u>REQUIPES ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSTRUCTION AND SAFETY STANDARDS FOR MOBILE HOMES.</u>	<u></u>
<u>A.B. 665</u>	<u>EXTENSIVELY AMENDS LAW GOVERNING GAR- AGES, REPAIR SHOPS, AND PARKING AREA KEEPEPS, AUTOMOBILE WRECKERS AND ABANDONED VEHICLES.</u>	<u></u>
<u>S.B. 329</u>	<u>AUTHORIZES ISSUANCE OF WORK PERMIT TO PERSON WHOSE DRIVER'S LICENSE HAS BEEN REVOKED.</u>	<u></u>
<u>A.B. 675</u>	<u>PROHIBITS TAMPERING WITH ODOMETERS.</u>	<u></u>
<u>A.B. 683</u>	<u>INCREASES PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIRED ON SHORT-TERM LEASED VEHICLES.</u>	<u></u>

*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

* SUPERSEDES PREVIOUS AGENDA FOR MARCH 18, 1971.

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SUMMARY -- Amends law regulating licensing registration.

AN ACT relating to license registration of motor vehicles and trailers changing the registration period of mobile homes; limiting the permit requirement for movement of used vehicles by dealers, and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN

SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 482.206 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.206 1. Except as provided in subsection [4, every passenger car and motorcycle, and every trailer having an unladen weight of 3,500 pounds or less, except a converter dolly,] 2 and 3 and NRS 706.730 to 706.860, inclusive, every vehicle, motorcycle, trailer and semi-trailer, subject to registration, shall be registered for a period of 12 consecutive months [from the month of] beginning the first day of the month after the first registration by the owner in this state.

2. Every mobile home shall be registered [on a fiscal year basis.] for a period of 1 year commencing July 1 and ending June 30 of the following year.

[3. Every other vehicle shall be registered on a calendar year basis.]

[4. Upon the application of the owner of a fleet of] 3. Operators of five or more vehicles of a type referred to in subsection 1, [the director] may [permit such an owner to register such fleet on a calendar year basis.] select the expiration month for registering their vehicles.

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Sec. 3 NRS 487.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:
Except as provided in subsection 2 a licensed automobile wrecker may be permitted to conduct a used car business in conjunction with his automobile wrecking business. Any automobile wrecker who wishes to engage in a used car business shall obtain a separate license therefor and may conduct such business [at a different established place of business than that of his automobile wrecking business] from his place of business established for auto wrecking.

2. Any automobile wrecker who was licensed as a used car dealer on April 5, 1963, may continue to conduct a used car business after obtaining an automobile wrecker's license without renewing his used car dealer's license.

[2] 3.