

MINUTESAssembly

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
January 30, 1973

Members Present: Messrs. Glover, May, Smalley, Bickerstaff, Jacobsen, Howard, Dreyer

Members Absent: None

Guest Speakers: Mr. John W. Borda, Highway Safety Coordinator
Mr. Mervin Flanders, Supervisor, Services to the Blind
Dr. Robert E. Robinson, Optometrist
Mr. J. Kosinski, Deputy, Legislative Council Bureau
Mr. Richard Boardland, Deputy Att. General for
Department of Motor Vehicles
Mr. James Lambert, Nevada Highway Patrol
Mr. Robert Guinn, Nevada Motor Transport Assoc. and
Nevada Franchise Auto Dealer Assoc.
Mr. Steve Cannon, Nevada General Tires
Mr. Virgil Anderson, Nevada Div. of AAA
Mr. B. W. Firth
Mr. Howard Hill, Department of Motor Vehicles
Mr. Leonard Winkelman, Audit Officer of the Department
of Motor Vehicles

Mr. Glover called the meeting to order and stated the first order of business to be A.B. 40.

Mr. John W. Borda, Highway Safety Coordinator, was the first speaker. Mr. Borda spoke of A.B. 40 in reference to the Highway Safety Act. He said that in order to be in compliance with the Act, we should pass A.B. 40. He gave a brief summary on the subject.

Mr. Mervin Flanders, Supervisor, Services to the Blind, was the next speaker. He endorsed the bill, but stated that the number of reporting sources was inadequate. He felt doctors and other professional sources should also be included, and if they are not, he said his agency should be deleted as a source of registry also. He suggested there should be another hearing on the bill in order to obtain more information.

Mr. Robert E. Robinson, an optometrist, stated his arguments in opposition to having professional sources as a part of the bill. He said it would be a violation of the doctor-patient confidence to report a person as having the visual defects described. He feels that if a patient does not want to be registered, it is his privilege. For example, a person may not want his boss to find out that he has a visual impairment because it might cause the loss of his job. He also felt that this type of person might seek care in another state in order to avoid being registered. Mr. Flanders added that a survey had been conducted in 16 other states which have this requirement and there was no difference in the number of persons seeking visual care.

Mr. Jim Kosinski, Deputy, Legislative Council Bureau, then took the floor to speak on A.B. 45. He distributed a report on the bill to the committee members. He stated that this bill might be considered unconstitutional because of Supreme Court ruling in cases which he cited from the research paper. Mr. Richard Boardland, Deputy Attorney General for the Department of Motor Vehicles, stated his reasoning behind the bill is to get the driver that has a bad record and is a hazard off the road for twenty days prior to the hearing as stated in the bill.

The first speaker on A.B. 46 was Mr. James Lambert, Nevada Highway Patrol. He gave a short resume of his previous testimony on the bill. Mr. Robert Guinn, a representative of the Nevada Motor Transport Association and Nevada Franchise Auto Dealer Association stated that the groups which he represented support the bill in general, but said there are a few problems with the bill. He suggested that on Line 10, the word "shall" should be changed to "may" and that some of the "exceptions" to the bill are not needed. He gave a short explanation on the changes. Mr. Steve Cannon, representing tire businesses, felt that Line 13, is a duplication of the standards the federal government is now setting and therefore should be deleted. Mr. Virgil Anderson of the Nevada Division of the AAA, was in support of the concept. He stated the activities of the California Highway Patrol in effect to their acceptance of the federal standards.

Chairman Glover asked for speakers on A.B. 43. Mr. B. W. Firth made a few comments on the subject and then Mr. Lambert began his explanation on the bill. He cited some statistics concerning suspension of licenses and went on to say that the main problem now is that a monetary fine was not enough of a deterrent. He felt that if a jail sentence was imposed on the second conviction that it would help reduce the number of violations.

Mr. Borda was the speaker on A.B. 42. He stated he wished to suggest an addition to the bill. (See Attachment I) He explained that the addition was needed in order to comply with federal standards. He also suggested a change in Line 10, of the word "death" to "accident". He said both changes would give more support to the alcohol data.

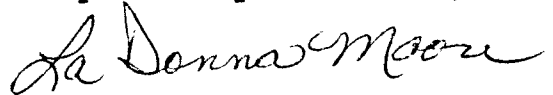
A.B. 39 was the next order of business. Mr. Howard Hill, Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles gave a short explanation of the bill passed in the last session of the legislature. His main concern was the implementation of the bill. He introduced Mr. Leonard Winkelman, Audit Officer from the Department of Motor Vehicles. Mr. Winkelman gave statistics concerning costs, equipment, etc. in relation to the issuance of instant driver's licenses in three different types of

programs that could feasibly be implemented. Mr. Hill added that instant licensing would only be applied to Clark, Washoe, and Carson City counties.

Mr. Glover thanked everyone for their attendance and scheduled A.B. 36, 37, 41, 38, and S.B. 14, for discussion on Thursday, February 1, 1973, at 4:00 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Smalley and seconded by Mr. Bickerstaff. Mr. Glover adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



La Donna Moore
Assembly Attache

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ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Date Jan. 30, 1973 Time 3:00 p.m. Room 336

<u>Bills or Resolutions to be considered</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Counsel requested*</u>
<u>THIS AGENDA CANCELS THE AGENDA DATED JANUARY 25, 1973, AND SUPERSEDES THE AGENDA DATED JANUARY 30, 1973.</u>		
<u>A.B. 36</u>	<u>Amends provisions concerning motor vehicle operation and licensing and drivers' licensing for new residents.</u>	
<u>A.B. 38</u>	<u>Increases motor vehicle registration fees.</u>	
<u>A.B. 40</u>	<u>Establishes registry and driver's license examination for persons who are blind, partially blind, or night-blind.</u>	
<u>A.B. 42</u>	<u>Requires blood test for driver or pedestrian killed in motor vehicle accident.</u>	
<u>A.B. 43</u>	<u>Increases penalty upon conviction of driving while driver's license is canceled, revoked, or suspended.</u>	<i>do pass 2/1</i>
<u>A.B. 45</u>	<u>Provides for the suspension of a driver's license by the department, without a hearing, upon a person merely being charged with certain offenses.</u>	<i>Indt Postpone 2/1</i>

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<u>A.B. 37</u>	<u>Changes license plate codes and provides code for motorcycles.</u>	<u></u>
<u>A.B. 41</u>	<u>Makes changes in licensing provisions for motorcycles and requirement of having both hands on handlebars.</u>	<u></u>
<u>S.B. 14</u>	<u>Adds definitions for terms currently used but undefined in highway beautification law.</u>	<u></u>
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A.B. 42

4. To the extent provided by law, a blood, breath, or urine sample shall be obtained from any surviving operator whose motor vehicle is involved in a fatal accident to determine the presence and level of alcohol and or drugs.