

Assembly
 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
 February 13, 1973

Members Present: Messrs. Glover, Dreyer, May, Smalley, Bickerstaff, Jacobsen, Howard (Mr. Howard was late due to the late adjournment of another meeting.)

Members Absent: None

Guest Speakers: Murray Hertz, Nevada Franchised Motorcycle Dealers Association (NFMDA)
 Howard Hill, Department of Motor Vehicles
 James Lambert, Nevada Highway Patrol
 Andy Barbano, NFMDA
 Virgil Anderson, Nevada AAA
 Edward Riley, Motosport Inc., NFMDA
 Mr. Firth
 John Ciardella, Department of Motor Vehicles
 B.J. Silva, Department of Motor Vehicles
 Winston Richards, Department of Motor Vehicles
 Walter Hall, Department of Motor Vehicles
 Bob Guinn, Nevada Motor Transit & Nevada Franchise Automobile Dealers

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glover. Mr. Glover stated A.B. 42 would be held for testimony at a later date, therefore, the first order of business would be A.B. 41.

Mr. Murray Hertz, Nevada Franchised Motorcycle Dealer's Association (NFMDA), was the first to give testimony. Mr. Murry said the Association felt the mandatory school should be abolished because it was discriminatory in the respect that an automobile driver may obtain a license without going to school and yet a motorcycle rider has to attend before he will be granted a license. He then explained the recommendation which the NFMDA distributed to members of the Committee.

Mr. Howard Hill of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) described the attitude of his Department in saying they take no definite stand on the school, but the Department feels that since the accident rate of motorcycles has decreased since 14 and 15 year olds have not been allowed to ride on public highways, the age for licensing should not be lowered under any circumstances. He said one of the main factors against this age group being able to ride is speed. Mr. Lambert, Nevada Highway Patrol, stated on of the problems of control with this age group is being able to determine if they are of age to drive by their appearance. He also felt that 14 and 15 year olds were not old enough to be able to use judgement well enough to maintain safety on public highways.

Mr. Hertz then spoke in rebuttal. He explained that from his point of view that the accident rate had dropped, but so had the number of motorcylce riders. He felt this accounted for the accident rate decline. He said the Association would have no objection to lowering the c.c.'s of the motorcycle in the recommendations.

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Mr. Andy Barbano, NFMDA, read parts of a letter (included in material distributed to members) which he felt described the side for 14 and 15 year olds being licensed. Mr. Virgil Anderson of the Nevada AAA said the reason for cars being at fault in car-motorcycle accidents is that small bikes are not easily seen. Mr. Firth added a few comments. Mr. Edward Riley, Motosport Inc., NFMDA, Reno, added that in relation to engine size and speed, the 250 c.c. was mentioned in their recommendations because it could meet all the specifications required by law, but there was one smaller, a 175 c.c.

S.B. 14 was then submitted for comments. None were made..

S.B. 85 was the next order of business. Mr. John Ciardella, Department of Motor Vehicles, gave a short explanation of the reasons he felt the bill should be passed.

Mr. Glover said S.B. 96 would be set aside until it was entered in the bill books. Mr. Glover also had A.B. 71 set aside until Assemblyman Demers could testify on the bill.

A.B. 85 was the next order of business. Mr. John Ciardella, Department of Motor Vehicles said this was just a "house-keeping bill" and that a change should be made in "line 12" for the word "calendar" to be changed to "registration". He gave a short explanation on the subject.

Testimony on A.B. 91 was given by Mr. B.J. Silva, Department of Motor Vehicles. After an explanation of the reason for changing "or licensee" in "line 9" and "failur" in "line 10", discussion was held. Mr. Bob Guinn of the Nevada Motor Transit and Nevada Franchise Auto Dealers said it was felt by his groups that the bill would be giving a great amount of authority to DMV. He said an individual makes a substantial investment when opening a dealership and under this bill could loose quite a sum of money by having DMV pull a man's license after he has opened his business. He felt that if the bill is passed there would be at least further explanation of the provisions under which a license could be revoked. Mr. Hill then suggested that DMV change the wording and resubmit the bill.

Mr. John Ciardella explained that DMV would like to change A.B. 95. The change would be in "line 8" of the deletion of the word "temporary". He said the Department no longer issued a temporary registration.

Mr. Winston Richards, Department of Motor Vehicles, explained that his Division would like the bill A.B. 160 changed. He said the Division is now limited to 20 field agents and more are needed. According to Mr. Richards, the budget is now tentatively approved for more agents. He introduced Mr. Walter Hall, also of Motor Carrier Division, DMV, who expounded on the duties, jurisdiction and need for more field agents. Mr. Richards said the Division brought a little less than \$9 million into the State of Nevada last year. He felt

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that if he could get more agents an even better job could be done.

Mr. Glover then thanked the audience for their participation and attendance. He then brought some of the bills discussed before the Committee for a vote.

S.B. 85 - Motion made to pass by Mr. May and seconded by Mr. Howard. Unanimous vote to pass.

A.B. 84 - Motion made to pass by Mr. Howard and seconded by Mr. Dreyer. Unanimous vote for "do pass" *as amended.*

A.B. 85 - Motion by Mr. Jacobsen to pass as amended and seconded by Mr. May. Unanimous vote for "do pass as amended".

A.B. 95 - Motion to pass made by Mr. May and seconded by Mr. Smalley. Unanimous vote for "do pass".

A.B. 160 - Motion made by Mr. Howard to pass as amended and seconded by Mr. Smalley. Unanimous vote for "do pass as amended".

A.B. 41 - Motion made by Mr. May to delete "lines 19 and 20" and a second by Mr. Smalley. Unanimous vote to amend.

A.B. 41 - Motion made by Mr. Dreyer to lower the age of licensing to 15 years of age and seconded by Mr. Bickerstaff. Passage was opposed by Chairman Glover, Mr. Smalley and Mr. Jacobsen. The motion for amendment was passed due to a "yes" vote by the remainder of the Committee.

A.B. 41 - Motion by Mr. May to pass A.B. 41 as amended and seconded by Mr. Bickerstaff. Passage was opposed by Chairman Glover, Mr. Smalley and Mr. Jacobsen. The bill received a "do pass as amended" due to the vote of the remainder of the Committee. *There will be a minority report.*

Chairman Glover asked for other business; there was none. Mr. Howard made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Jacobsen. Mr. Glover then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Date February 13 Time 4:00 Room 336

Bills or Resolutions to be considered	Subject	Counsel requested*
AB 42	Requires blood test for driver or pedestrian killed in motor accident.	
AB 41	Makes changes in licensing provisions for motor cycles and requirement of having both hands on handlebars	
SB 14	Adds definitions for terms currently used but undefined in highway beautification law	
SB 85	Provides reduced bond for dealers and manufacturers of horse trailers, tent trailers and utility trailers.	
SB96 <i>Justin Book</i>	Relieves Warden of State Prison from responsibility for delivery of motor vehicle license plates and eliminates provisions for repair of sacks by prisoners	
AB 71	Requires proof of satisfaction of personal property tax obligation as condition to registration and number of watercraft	
AB 84	Changes title of the Fiscal and Accounting Division of the Department of Motor Vehicles to the Administrative Services Division and clarifies title of other divisions of the department.	
AB 85	Clarifies penalties for late registration of vehicles.	
AB 87	Eliminates requirement of intent for disqualification from auto wreckers' license for failure to comply with law.	

*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

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