

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, February 15, 1973

The meeting was called to order at 2:45 p.m.

Senator Helen Herr was in the Chair.

PRESENT: Senator Helen Herr Senator Richard Blakemeore.
 Senator Carl Dodge Senator Warren Monroe
 Senator William Raggio

ABSENT: Senator Joe Neal Senator Archie Pozzi

ALSO PRESENT WERE:

Virgil Anderson	AAA - Nevada Division	
Joe Jackson	Press	
Robert Guinn	Nevada Motor Transport Association & Nevada Franchised Auto Dealer's Ass'n.	
Ted Ehrlich	Polaroid Corporation	
Stan Warren	Nevada Bell	
Gene Echols	Nevada State Senator	
Lawrence Jacobsen	Nevada State Assemblyman	
Carole Bowers	P.T.A. - Carson City	
Marilyn Peden	P.T.A. - Carson City	
Howard Hill	Director)
Freddie Little	Deputy Director) DEPARTMENT
Richard Bortolin	Dep. Attorney General)
Leonard Winkelman	Internal Auditor) OF
John Borda	Highway Safety Office)
James Lambert	Nevada Highway Patrol)
Wally Hines	Nevada Highway Patrol) MOTOR
John Ciardella	Registration)
E. J. Silva	Registration)
W. Richards	Motor Carrier) VEHICLES
Hale Bennett	Automation)
Jack Williams	Administrative Services)

ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING BILLS:

SB #196

Because of many inquiries received about this bill, the committee agreed to hold it over for hearing on a later date.

SB #160*

Wally Hines, NHP, testified for this bill. Virgil Anderson AAA, gave testimony both pro and con. After a great deal of discussion the following action was taken:

Senator Dodge moved "Do Kill."
Seconded by Senator Raggio
Motion carried.

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Chairman Herr left the meeting to attend a previous commitment.
Vice Chairman Monroe took the Chair.

SB #159*

Testimony was given by James Lambert and Virgil Anderson regarding this bill. (Suggested amendments are attached as Attachment #3.)

The ramifications of this bill regarding demerit points and judgment policies were questioned at great length. The committee agreed that this bill should be held over to a later date for vote.

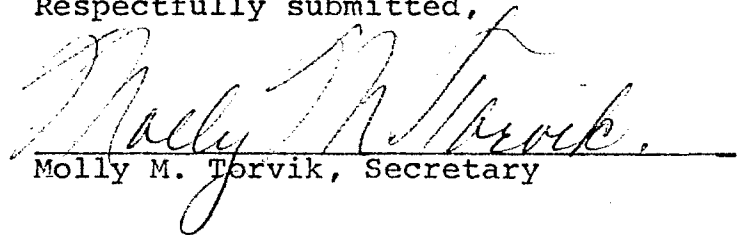
4B #39*

Leonard Winkelman, Howard Hill and Hale Bennett testified on financial details, proposed amendments, and general purpose of this bill. (See attachment #5 and #6.)

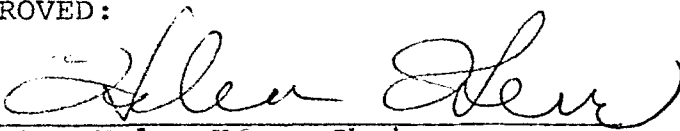
Because of the various amendments proposed to this bill, action was delayed until a later date.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Tuesday, February 20, 1973 at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Molly M. Torvik, Secretary

APPROVED:


Senator Helen Herr, Chairman


Senator Warren Monroe, Vice Chairman

SENATE BILL NO. 160—COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION

FEBRUARY 5, 1973

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Requires filing vehicle accident report where damage or injury occurs as a result of any vehicle accident. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-483)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to vehicle accident reports; requiring the filing of a vehicle accident report where any property damage or personal injury occurs as a result of a single vehicle accident; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 484.221 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 484.221 1. The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident result-
3 ing [only] in damage to [a] any vehicle or other property [which is
4 driven or attended by any person] , *including his own*, shall immediately
5 stop such vehicle at the scene of such accident or as close thereto as
6 possible, and shall forthwith return to and in every event shall remain
7 at the scene of such accident until he has fulfilled the requirements of
8 NRS 484.223.
9 2. Every such stop shall be made without obstructing traffic more
10 than is necessary.
11 SEC. 2. NRS 484.223 is hereby amended to read as follows:
12 484.223 1. The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident result-
13 ing in injury to or death of any person or damage to any vehicle or other
14 property [which is driven or attended by any person] , *including his*
15 *own*, shall:
16 (a) Give his name, address and the registration number of the vehicle
17 he is driving, and shall upon request and if available exhibit his license to
18 operate a motor vehicle to any person injured in such accident or to the
19 driver or occupant of or person attending any vehicle or other property
20 damaged in such accident; and
21 (b) Give such information and upon request manually surrender such
22 license to any police officer at the scene of the accident or who is investi-
23 gating the accident; and

(c) Render to any person injured in such accident reasonable assistance, including the carrying, or the making of arrangements for the carrying of such person to a physician, surgeon or hospital for medical or surgical treatment if it is apparent that such treatment is necessary, or if such carrying is requested by the injured person.

2. If no police officer is present, the driver of any vehicle involved in such accident after fulfilling all other requirements of subsection 1 and NRS 484.219, insofar as possible on his part to be performed, shall forthwith report such accident to the nearest office of a police authority or of the Nevada highway patrol and submit thereto the information specified in subsection 1.

SEC. 3. NRS 484.225 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484.225 The driver of any vehicle which collides with or is involved in an accident with any vehicle or other property which is unattended, resulting in any damage to *his vehicle or property* or such other vehicle or *other property, or both*, shall immediately stop and shall then and there locate and notify the operator or owner of such vehicle or other property of the name and address of the driver and owner of the vehicle striking the unattended vehicle or other property or shall attach securely in a conspicuous place in or on such vehicle or property a written notice giving the name and address of the driver and of the owner of the vehicle doing the striking.

SEC. 4. NRS 484.227 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484.227 1. The driver of [a] any vehicle which collides with or is involved in an accident with any vehicle or other property which is unattended, resulting in any damage to *his vehicle or property* or such other vehicle or *other property*, shall immediately by the quickest means of communication give notice of such accident to the nearest office of a police authority or of the Nevada highway patrol.

2. Whenever the driver of a vehicle is physically incapable of giving an immediate notice of an accident as required in subsection 1 and there was another occupant in the vehicle at the time of the accident capable of doing so, such occupant shall make or cause to be given the notice not given by the driver.

SEC. 5. NRS 484.241 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484.241 1. The person in charge of any garage or repair shop to which is brought any motor vehicle which shows evidence of having been involved in an accident of which written report must be made by the driver or owner thereof as provided in [NRS 484.229] NRS 484.219 to 484.229, inclusive, shall report to the local police department if such garage or shop is located within a city, otherwise to the office of the county sheriff or the nearest office of the Nevada highway patrol, within 24 hours after such motor vehicle is received by the garage or repair shop, giving the serial number, registration number and the name and address of the owner or operator of such vehicle.

2. The provisions of this section shall not apply where a report or investigation of the accident has been made by a local police department, county sheriff's office or the Nevada highway patrol as evidenced by a damage sticker affixed to the vehicle or the local authority having

1 jurisdiction has enacted an ordinance in substantial compliance with this
2 section.

3 SEC. 6. NRS 484.243 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 484.243 1. Every police officer who investigates a vehicle accident of
5 which report must be made as required in this chapter, or who otherwise
6 prepares a written report as a result of an investigation either at the time
7 of and at the scene of the accident or thereafter by interviewing the par-
8 ticipants or witnesses, shall forward a written report of such accident to
9 the department of motor vehicles [within 10 days] immediately after his
10 investigation of the accident.

11 2. Such written reports required to be forwarded by police officers
12 and the information contained therein shall not be privileged or held con-
13 fidential.

14 3. Every sheriff, chief of police or office of the Nevada highway
15 patrol receiving any report required under NRS 484.223 to 484.241,
16 inclusive, shall immediately prepare a copy thereof and forthwith file
17 a copy with the department.

18 SEC. 7. NRS 484.791 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 484.791 1. Any peace officer may, without a warrant, arrest a per-
20 son if he has reasonable cause for believing that such person has com-
21 mitted any of the following offenses:

- 22 (a) Homicide by vehicle;
- 23 (b) Driving, or being in actual physical control of, a vehicle while
24 under the influence of intoxicating liquor;
- 25 (c) Driving a vehicle while under the influence of any narcotic drug,
26 or driving a vehicle while under the influence of any other drug to a
27 degree which renders the person incapable of safely driving a vehicle;
- 28 (d) Failure to stop, or failure to give information, or failure to render
29 reasonable assistance, in the event of an accident resulting in death or
30 personal injuries, as prescribed in NRS 484.221;
- 31 (e) Failure to stop, or failure to give information, in the event of an
32 accident resulting in damage to a vehicle or to other property legally
33 upon or adjacent to a highway, as prescribed in NRS 484.223, 484.225,
34 484.227 and 484.229; or
- 35 (f) Reckless driving.

36 2. Whenever any person is arrested as authorized in this section
37 shall be taken without unnecessary delay before the proper magistrate as
38 specified in NRS 484.803, except that in the case of either of the offenses
39 designated in paragraphs (e) and (f) a peace officer shall have the same
40 discretion as is provided in other cases in NRS 484.795.

SENATE BILL NO. 159—COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION

FEBRUARY 5, 1973

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Creates the crime of careless driving. Fiscal Note: No.
(BDR 43-477)



EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is
material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to traffic laws; creating the crime of careless driving;
and providing a penalty.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly,
do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 484 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section which shall read as follows:
3 *It is unlawful for any person to drive any vehicle upon a highway in*
4 *other than a careful or prudent manner or to fail to keep it under control*
5 *at all times. A violation of this section constitutes careless driving.*

SB
159

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CARELESS DRIVING

The purpose of requesting this legislation was twofold;

1. Many courts and prosecuting attorneys have indicated that they would favor the enactment of this legislation.
2. Many cities and counties now have ordinances similar to SB 159.

The intent of the Highway Patrol was to give the individual officer the capability of citing a violator for a lesser charge than reckless driving when circumstances warranted. Presently the officer has no option other than to cite for reckless driving if the seriousness of the violation warrants a more serious charge than that listed under the basic law 484.361.

484.361 Basic rule. It is unlawful for any person to drive or operate a vehicle of any kind or character at:

1. A rate of speed greater than is reasonable or proper, having due regard for the traffic, surface and width of the highway; or
2. Such a rate of speed as to endanger the life, limb or property of any person; or
3. A rate of speed greater than that posted by a public authority for the particular portion of highway being traversed.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 39—COMMITTEE
ON TRANSPORTATION

JANUARY 17, 1973

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Enables issuance of instant drivers' licenses and increases license fee. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-23)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; enabling the issuance of instant drivers' licenses by the department of motor vehicles; increasing driver's license fee; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 483.347 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 483.347 1. The department may, upon being satisfied that it is fea-
3 sible, produce [a] *an instant driver's license: [, bearing]*
4 (a) *Bearing a colored photograph of the licensee [.] ; and*
5 (b) *Which may be obtained immediately by any applicant upon quali-*
6 *fying therefor.*
7 2. If a changeover to this style of license is feasible, it shall not
8 become effective until the department has:
9 (a) Established a uniform procedure for the production of such
10 licenses, applicable to renewal as well as to original licenses.
11 (b) Determined the costs of such production.
12 (c) Adjusted the fees provided in NRS 483.410, up to a maximum
13 of [50 cents,] \$1, if such adjustment is essential to recover additional
14 costs which may be incurred in any such changeover and to that extent
15 only.
16 3. If the department finds that implementation is not feasible before
17 the convening of the [57th] 58th session of the Nevada legislature, the
18 department shall report in detail its findings to the [57th] 58th session
19 of the legislature.

COST TO PRODUCE AN INSTANT DRIVERS LICENSE

BEING A COLORED PHOTO OF THE LICENSEE

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FIGURES BASED ON PRODUCTION FOR SIX (6) MONTHS

BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1974

EQUIPMENT, FILM AND SUPPLIES	62,500 X .42¢	\$26,250.
PERSONNEL: 3 CLERICAL 2 Las Vegas - 1 Reno	3 X \$3,000. (employees salaries for 6 months)	9,000.
PAYROLL COST	10%	900.
PRINTING COST	62,500 X .04¢	2,500.
COMPUTER TIME: TERMINAL COST: Transmission Lines, etc. (see attached sheet)		25,958.
LESS: SAVINGS ON POSTAGE AND ENVELOPES		<u>-5,000.</u>
	TOTAL COST FOR SIX (6) MONTHS	\$59,608.
	COST PER LICENSE	.95.4¢

DATA PROCESSING COSTS

(Terminals) (5) (2) (2) (1)

MODULE 1 (Las Vegas, No. Las Vegas, Reno, Carson City

Lines 1 and 2

PROJECTED COSTS FOR SIX MONTHS:

TERMINAL COMMUNICATIONS INCORPORATED - TERMINAL COST

10 Terminals @ \$216.50 @ 6 months \$12,990.

Computer Time Cost
est. \$1,000. @ 6 months 6,000.

Telephone Cost
Service Drops \$238. @ 6 months 1,428.
Line Charge 320. @ 6 months 1,920.
Modems 140. @ 6 months 840.
Speaker, Terminations

Communication Control \$80. @ 6 months 480.

Freight \$100. X 7 700.

Telephone Co. Install Chge. \$100. X 7 700.

Travel Training - 6 trips - 6 man weeks 900.

\$25,958.

APPROPRIATION TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM

PROJECTED COST FOR SIX (6) MONTHS

PERSONNEL AND PAYROLL \$ 9,900

COMPUTER TIME: TERMINAL COST \$ 25,958.
Transmission Lines, etc.

TOTAL \$35,858.

AB 39, Suggested Amendments

ADD TO: Line 6

fyng therefore, except when the applicant's current driving record is not immediately available to the ~~Department~~ *Branch Office* due to technical limitations.

DELETE: Lines 16 thru 19

ADD: Line 16

3. The \$1.00 revenue collected as a result of this act shall be deposited in a fund to be known as the Drivers License Instant Photo Fund in the State Treasury. The funds so deposited may be used by the Department on an authorized basis to defray the costs of producing Instant Photos and related costs. *Any excess monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall then revert to highway fund -*