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of the news media are just as important as the ham radio operators or the antique vehicle dealers. Now, I've heard many law makers talk on the subject of money during the past sessions. This is another point. If this bill is passed and signed by the Governor, I would estimate that the State coffers will pick up another \$300 per year in additional revenue from the working men and women of the newsmedia throughout the state of Nevada.

"We represent the public because we fill that void between the government and the average man and woman. We report what is going on to the readers or viewers or listeners. We are, in effect, exofficio public servants, the people's advocates. Therefore, we too, are entitled to some support from government and law enforcement agencies. Waving a camera or a tape recorder at a highway patrolman, sheriff's deputy or police officer is not going to get a working man through a road block or to a disaster scene. We need official status which can easily be recognized by law enforcement officers. Now, we are not asking for anything that is not already granted working men and women of the news media in other states. We ask merely that you allow us the same tools that other news men, camera men and sound men have in other states so that Nevada can catch up with the main stream of governmental assistance for the news media. If there are any questions, I will be happy to try and answer them."

SENATOR HERR: "How do you account for the \$300.00 per year."

MR. DEWITT: "Well, there are approximately 100 people working in the news media throughout the State of Nevada who would buy the plate at \$3.00 per year. The plate would stay with you until you leave the state or the employment of the people you work for. And once you leave, the plate would be returned back to the Department of Motor Vehicles."

JOHN CIARDELLA: "Madam Chairman, the \$3.00 is no problem. It would be in line with the ham radio operator's. And we have no qualm on the plates, however, we are asking again, that we are going to have to have a special die made for it and these dies cost approximately \$350.00 a piece, which would be a one-time deal. These other people with special plates which have a special die have paid the \$350.00 prior to their receiving the plates."

LEONARD WINKELMAN: "The \$3, \$4, or whatever amount you pay each year extra for your plates goes into the Highway Fund. Our budget is a direct appropriation back from the Highway Fund. If the cost of this die is not in our budget as of today, then the \$3 or \$4 will not help the Department of Motor Vehicles. There will have to be a small appropriation in order to cover the cost of the die."

Senator Monroe moved we rescind our action we had previously taken on SB 463.
Senator Raggio seconded.

SENATOR DODGE: "I would like to speak to the motion. It seems to me that there are a lot of other people involved in various categories who are going to want special plates. Doctors, volunteer firemen, who are trying to reach

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the scene of an accident. If we give to one then we have to them all. I personally have no quarrel with the news media, but, I think there are a lot of other people who are in the same category in needing to reach the scene."

SENATOR MONROE: "As long as these people pay for their plates, then I don't see any harm in it. I think that we should consider the cost a little more, but we can't do that until we rescind our previous action on the bill."

JOHN CIARDELLA: "The only others that receive special licenses at this cost are the ham operators and the reason that they did not have to pay for a special die is that we use the regular letters and numbers which we use for all license plates. This would be a special die."

SENATOR RAGGIO: "I would like to withdraw my second because I think we have more important matters to consider."

Therefore the bill died due to the lack of a second.

AB 91*

Senator Pozzi and John Ciardella spoke on behalf of the bill.

Senator Pozzi moved "Do Pass."
Seconded by Senator Blakemore.
Motion carried.

AB 38*

James Lambert testified as to the purpose of the bill.

Senator Pozzi moved "Do Pass."
Seconded by Senator Blakemore.
Motion carried.

SB 59*

Senator Pozzi spoke on behalf of the amendments made by the Assembly.

Senator Pozzi moved "Do Concur"
Seconded by Senator Blakemore.
Motion carried.

SB 109*

Robert Guinn testified that the amendments had not been printed as they had come out of the committee. On page 2, line 45, Second reprint, we had 80 feet and it was agreed we go back to 75, and for some unknown reason it has been set back to 70. Senator Herr then said she would pull it off the board tomorrow.

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Senator Herr then reminded the committee that we would have hearings on Thursday, March 29, on afternoon adjournment, regarding all bills having to do with antique cars and motorcycles.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m. until Thursday, March 29, 1973

Respectfully submitted:


Molly Torvik, Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Helen Herr, Chairwoman
Senator

S. B. 463

SENATE BILL NO. 463—SENATOR HERR

MARCH 14, 1973

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Permits members of press to have special motor vehicle license plates. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-1575)

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

AN ACT relating to motor vehicle licensing; permitting the department of motor vehicles to issue special license plates to members of the press.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 482 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section which shall read as follows:
3 1. *Any person, who is regularly employed or engaged as a bona fide*
4 *newspaper, television or radio news editor, reporter or photographer,*
5 *upon complying with the state motor vehicle laws relating to the registra-*
6 *tion and licensing of motor vehicles and, upon the payment of a fee of \$3*
7 *in addition to the regular license fee for plates as prescribed by law, shall*
8 *be issued a license plate or plates, upon which, in lieu of the numbers*
9 *otherwise prescribed by law, shall be inscribed the following:*
10 (a) *Prefix letters "PP" within a shield or square at the left of the num-*
11 *ber plate.*
12 (b) *Following the letters a series of three numerals, commencing with*
13 *"001."*
14 2. *An affidavit from an appropriate news director, publisher or*
15 *editor shall accompany each application, certifying the current employ-*
16 *ment of such applicant.*
17 3. *Such plate or plates may be used only on a private passenger car*
18 *or on a noncommercial truck having a rated capacity of 1 ton or less.*
19 4. *The special plates shall remain with the licensee until he leaves*
20 *the employment of the certifying news director, publisher or editor, at*
21 *which time they shall be returned by the licensee to the department for*
22 *reissue or such other disposition as may be provided by department rules*
23 *and regulations.*
24 5. *The department shall make such rules and regulations as are nec-*
25 *essary to ascertain compliance with all state license laws relating to use*
26 *and operation of a motor vehicle before issuing such plates in lieu of the*

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FIRST REPRINT

A. B. 91

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 91—COMMITTEE
ON TRANSPORTATION

JANUARY 24, 1973

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Enlarges the conditions upon which vehicle dealer's or rebuilder's license may be revoked. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-112)



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

AN ACT relating to vehicle dealers' and rebuilders' licenses; enlarging the conditions upon which a license may be revoked by the department of motor vehicles.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 482.352 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 482.352 1. The department may deny the issuance of or revoke a
3 dealer's or rebuilder's license upon any of the following grounds:
4 (a) Failure of the applicant to have an established place of business in
5 this state.
6 (b) That the applicant or licensee has been convicted of a felony in the
7 State of Nevada or any other state, territory or nation.
8 (c) Material misstatement in the application.
9 (d) Evidence of unfitness of the applicant [] or licensee.
10 (e) Willful failure to comply with any of the provisions of the motor
11 vehicle laws of the State of Nevada or the directives of the director. *For*
12 *the purpose of this subsection, failure to comply with the directives*
13 *of the director advising the licensee of his noncompliance with any pro-*
14 *visions of the motor vehicle laws of this state or rules and regulations of*
15 *the department, within 10 days after receipt of such directive, is prima*
16 *facie evidence of willful failure to comply with such directive.*
17 (f) Failure or refusal to furnish and keep in force any bond.
18 (g) Failure on the part of such licensee to maintain a fixed place of
19 business in this state.
20 (h) Failure or refusal by a licensee to pay or otherwise discharge any
21 final judgment against such licensee rendered and entered against him,
22 arising out of the misrepresentation of any vehicle, trailer or semitrailer,
23 or out of any fraud committed in connection with the sale of any vehicle,
24 trailer or semitrailer.
25 (i) Failure of the licensee to maintain any other license or bond
26 required by any political subdivision of this state.

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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 38—COMMITTEE
ON TRANSPORTATION

JANUARY 17, 1973

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Increases motor vehicle registration fees. Fiscal
Note: No. (BDR 43-25)



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

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; increasing the registration fees of such vehicles
for purposes of hiring supplementary patrolmen for the Nevada highway patrol;
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 482.480 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 482.480 There shall be paid to the department for the registration or
3 transfer of registration of motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers, fees
4 according to the following schedule:
- 5 1. For each stock passenger car, bus and each reconstructed or speci-
6 cially constructed passenger car, regardless of weight or number of pas-
7 senger capacity, a registration fee of \$5.50.
 - 8 2. For every motorcycle, the sum of \$3.50.
 - 9 3. For every motortruck having an unladen weight of 3,500
10 pounds or less, as shown by a public weighmaster's certificate, a registra-
11 tion fee of \$9.
 - 12 4. For every trailer or semitrailer having an unladen weight of
13 1,000 pounds or less, a flat registration fee of \$2.50. For every trailer
14 having an unladen weight of more than 1,000 pounds, but not more
15 than 3,500 pounds, a flat registration fee of \$5.50. For every trailer or
16 semitrailer having an unladen weight of more than 3,500 pounds and
17 less than 4,000 pounds, fees according to the following schedule:

18	3,501 to and including 3,549 pounds.....	\$8
19	3,550 to and including 3,649 pounds.....	10
20	3,650 to and including 3,749 pounds.....	12
21	3,750 to and including 3,849 pounds.....	14
22	3,850 to and including 3,949 pounds.....	16
23	3,950 to and including 3,999 pounds.....	18

 - 24 5. For every motortruck having an unladen weight of more than

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THIRD REPRINT

S. B. 59

SENATE BILL NO. 59—SENATOR POZZI

JANUARY 22, 1973

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Apportions vehicle privilege taxes to county where vehicle is based.
Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-520)

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

AN ACT relating to vehicle privilege taxes; apportioning such taxes to the county where the vehicle is based; 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. Chapter 482 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section which shall read as follows:

3 "*Based*" means primarily used, or if a vehicle is often used in more
4 than one county, then it means primarily stored or maintained. A vehicle
5 registered for intercounty or interstate operation under the provisions of
6 chapter 706 of NRS shall be deemed to have no base.

7 SEC. 2. NRS 482.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 482.010 When used in this chapter, the words and terms in NRS
9 482.013 to 482.135, inclusive, [shall,] and in section 1 of this act have
10 for the purposes of this chapter [, have] the meanings ascribed to them
11 in NRS 482.013 to 482.135, inclusive, and in section 1 of this act,
12 except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different
13 meaning.

14 SEC. 3. NRS 482.215 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 482.215 1. All applications for registration, except applications for
16 renewal registration, shall be made as provided in this section.

17 2. Applications for all registrations, except renewal registrations,
18 shall be made in person, if practicable, to any office or agent of the
19 department.

20 3. Each application shall be made upon the appropriate form fur-
21 nished by the department and shall contain:

22 (a) The signature of the owner.

23 (b) His residence address. [, including the county in which he
24 resides.]

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FIRST REPRINT

S. B. 109

SENATE BILL NO. 109—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

JANUARY 29, 1973

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Limits height of vehicles traveling on highways.
Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-481)

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

AN ACT relating to vehicles; limiting their permissible height and relaxing certain limits upon their length and weight for operation on the public highways; 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. Chapter 484 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section which shall read as follows:
3 1. *Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, a vehicle*
4 *shall not be operated on any highway of this state if its height, including*
5 *any load, exceeds 14 feet measured from the surface on which the vehicle*
6 *stands.*
7 2. *The maximum permissible height of a load of baled hay is 15 feet.*
8 3. *The department of highways shall issue a continuing permit, upon*
9 *application, to the operator of a vehicle whose height without load*
10 *exceeds the limit imposed by subsection 1 if the vehicle was registered and*
11 *in operation on the highway of this state on the effective date of this*
12 *act. Any such permit shall provide only for the operation of the vehicle,*
13 *or a replacement vehicle, over those portions of the highways of the state*
14 *over which it was customarily operated on the effective date of this act.*
15 SEC. 2. NRS 484.739 is hereby amended to read as follows:
16 484.739 1. No bus or motortruck shall exceed a length of 40 feet.
17 2. Except as provided in [subsection 3,] subsections 3 and 6, no
18 combination of vehicles, including any attachments thereto coupled
19 together, may exceed a length of 70 feet.
20 3. The department of highways, by rule [and] or regulation, shall
21 provide for the operation of vehicle combinations in excess of 70 feet in
22 length, but in no event exceeding 105 feet. Such rules [and] or regula-
23 tions shall establish standards for the operation of such vehicles, which
24 standards shall be consistent with their safe operation upon the public
25 highways and shall include, but not be limited to, the following: