

MINUTES

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
February 13, 1975

Members Present: Messrs. Glover, Jacobsen, Howard, Dini  
and Mrs. Hayes  
Late: Dreyer, May (due to other committee  
meetings)

Members Absent: None

Guests: Representing

Howard Hill	Dept Motor Vehicle
John McSweeney	Dept of Human Resources
E.J. Silva	Dept Motor Vehicle
John Ciardella	Dept Motor Vehicle
V.L. Fletcher	Dept Motor Vehicle
Bernard Dehl	Nevada Highway Patrol
Robert Guinn	Nevada Motor Transport Assn
Patricia Wellson	Student

The Assembly Transportation Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Glover at 3:10 p.m. The first bill to be discussed was A.B. 153. This bill changes provisions concerning windshield wipers on vehicles. Mr. Barney Dehl from Nevada Highway Patrol talked for the bill. He said the bill was prepared because some motor vehicle manufacturers are planning to come out with one windshield wiper instead of the two. He also submitted an amendment to the committee for this bill. (See attached sheet) Mr. Jacobsen said he thought Section 1, subsection 4, stating that a vehicle with only 1 windshield wiper must clean within 1 inch of all edges, seemed unreasonable. Mr. Dehl said the intent was that only 1 point of the windshield wiper must approach within 1 inch of the edge. Mr. Guinn, representing Nevada Motor Transport Assn. asked the committee for the opportunity to see if the 1 inch requirement would work on his trucks. He will advise the committee tomorrow.

The next order of business was A.B. 154. This bill increases the minimum gross weight and otherwise revises brake equipment requirements for trailers and other vehicles. Mr. Dehl again spoke for the Nevada Highway Patrol on this bill. He said the last legislature changed the minimum gross weight of trailers from 3,000 lbs to 1,500 lbs. When owners of vehicles between 1,500 and 3,000 lbs went to get brakes to comply with the law, they found the brakes could not be installed. This bill making the change from 1,500 lbs back to 3,000 lbs is designed to cover those people who have vehicles manufactured prior to July 1, 1975. Mr. Dehl also recommended some changes in the bill the way it is now written. He would like to include the words "3,000 lbs or less" on page 1, line 9; and also on page 2, line 19. He explained another change on section 9A, page 3. It should read, "a trailer, semi-trailer, house trailer, or pole trailer of less than 1,500 lbs gross weight need not be equipped with brakes." Section 9B should also be amended to read: "Three-axle trucks and truck trailers need only be equipped with brakes on all wheels of the two rear axles."

Mr. Jacobsen asked if this bill would apply to horsetrailer. Mr. Dehl said any new ones weighing more than 1,500 lbs after July 1, 1975, would have to have brakes on all the wheels.

Chairman Glover announced that on request from Assemblyman Brookman A.B. 170 would be held for discussion until she could be with the committee. He then asked the audience if there was any more discussion on any previous bill that the committee had been considering. It was announced that Mr. Guinn and Mr. Silva were still working on A.B. 117.

Mr. Silva, Dept of Motor Vehicles, then presented to the committee an amendment to A.B. 150. He said Mr. Anderson from AAA and himself had designed this amendment to set forth some conditions that a field dealer can seize a vehicle without a warrant. (see attached amendment) Mr. May questioned wording in this amendment such as "reason to believe." He suggested this be changed to "reasonable cause." Mr. Dreyer agreed with Mr. May. Mr. Silva said he would agree to this change.

Chairman Glover asked if there was any other discussion from the guests. As there was none, he announced a 5 minute break. After the break the following action was taken on the Bills.

A.B. 150 - Mr. Dreyer moved for a "Do Pass" as amended. He also moved to change the working from "reason to believe" to "reasonable cause." Mr. May seconded, and the motion was passed with Mr. Jacobsen voting No.

A.B. 119 Mr. May made a motion for "Do Pass." Mr. Dini seconded, and it was unanimous for "Do Pass." Chairman Glover asked Mr. Dreyer to speak for this bill on the floor.

A.B. 153 Hold

A.B. 117 Hold

A.B. 154 Mr. Dini made a motion for "Do pass" with the changes discussed today. Mr. Howard seconded, and it was unanimous for "Do Pass."

A.B. 7 Hold

Chairman Glover presented to the committee some information from Mr. Jeffrey. (see attached) Mr. Jeffrey wanted to draft a bill if the committee approved. The Committee decided against it.

Mr. Jacobsen moved to adjourn, Mr. Dreyer seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Camille Lee  
Assembly Attache

ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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Date Feb. 13 (Thursday) Time 3:00 Room 214

Bills or Resolutions  
to be considered

Subject

Counsel  
requested\*

A.B. 153

Changes provisions concerning  
windshield wipers on vehicles.  
Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-325)

A.B. 154

Increases minimum gross weight and  
otherwise revises brake equipment  
requirements for trailers and other  
vehicles. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-320)

A.B. 170

Permits issuance of identification cards to  
certain persons who do not have a  
driver's license. Fiscal Note: No.  
(BDR 43-393)

\*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

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AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1, Sub-Section 4 & 5. 49

Sub-section 4, line 13, DELETE: [ALL EDGES]; ADD: EACH SIDE.

Sub-section 5, lines 15 & 16, DELETE: [regulations established by the Director of Motor Vehicles pursuant to NRS 481.051.

ADD: applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.

SECTION 1. NRS 484.621 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484.621 1. Every motor vehicle, except motorcycles, equipped with a windshield shall be equipped with a windshield wiper, which shall be kept in good operating condition and which shall be so constructed as to be controlled or operated by the driver.

2. When any such motor vehicle was originally equipped with two windshield wipers such wipers shall be kept in good operating condition.

3. [Every such] Except as provided in subsection 4, every motor vehicle manufactured after July 1, 1969, which is equipped with a windshield shall be equipped with two windshield wipers, one mounted on the right half and one on the left half of the windshield.

4. A motor vehicle equipped with only 1 windshield wiper must have a windshield wiper that cleans the windshield within 1 inch of [all edges] each side of the windshield.

5. In all cases the windshield wiping system shall conform to [regulations established by the director of motor vehicles pursuant to NRS 481.051.] applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.

6. This section shall not apply to snow removal equipment with adequate manually operated windshield wipers.

AMENDMENT TO:

AB-150 (Page 2, Line 5)

482.540 1. Any officer of the Nevada highway patrol [ or field dealer inspector of the vehicle compliance and enforcement section of the registration division of the department ] without a warrant, may seize and take possession of any vehicle which is being operated with improper registration, or which the patrol officer [or field dealer inspector] <sup>reasonable cause</sup> has reason to believe has been stolen, or on which any motor number, manufacturer's number or identification mark has been defaced, altered or obliterated.

2. Any officer of the Nevada highway patrol so seizing or taking possession of such vehicle shall immediately notify the Nevada highway patrol of such action and shall hold the vehicle until notified by the Nevada highway patrol as to what further action should be taken regarding the disposition of the vehicle.

3. Any field dealer inspector of the Vehicle Compliance and Enforcement Section of the Registration Division of the department may seize and take possession of any vehicle, without a warrant, if such field dealer inspector <sup>has reasonable cause</sup> has reason to believe such vehicle has been stolen or that its motor number, manufacturer's number or identification mark has been defaced, altered or obliterated. Vehicles being operated with improper registration may also be seized under this subsection if such field dealer inspector has reasonable cause to believe that the registration has been fraudulently obtained, that the vehicle has been stolen or that it bears a defaced, altered or obliterated manufacturer's number or identification mark.

1. The (Department of Motor Vehicles) shall not require an examination of the driving ability of any applicant for the renewal of a (general private motor vehicle operator's) license who is otherwise eligible for the renewal of that license unless the (department) finds evidence of a condition which may affect the ability of the applicant to operate a motor vehicle safely. (The age) of an applicant, by itself, does not constitute evidence of such a condition. If the (Department of Motor Vehicles) finds any evidence of a condition which may affect the ability of the applicant to operate a motor vehicle safely, it shall disclose that evidence to the applicant.

2. No applicant for renewal of a (general private motor vehicle operator's) license shall be required as a condition of renewal to pass any type of examination other than that administered to applicants generally for the issuance of initial (general private motor vehicle operator's) licenses.