

MINUTES

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
February 18, 1975

Members Present: Messrs. Glover, Jacobsen, Howard, Dini,
May, Dreyer and Mrs. Hayes

Members Absent: None

Guests: Representing

James Lambert	Nevada Highway Patrol
V.L. Fletcher	Dept Motor Vehicle
Howard Hill	Dept Motor Vehicle
Bob L. Kerns	Police and Fire Dept
Virgil Anderson	AAA - Nevada Division
B.W. Firth	
J. Ciardella	Dept Motor Vehicle
Daryl Capurro	Nevada Motor Transport
Frank Cudy	UNR Intern

Chairman Glover called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. The first order of business was A.B. 149. This bill exempts certain license plates from duplicate or substitute plate fee and clarifies fee requirements for substitute certificates, decals, and plates. Mr. Ciardella from Dept of Motor Vehicle spoke for this bill. He first presented an amendment to the bill prepared by Jerry Lopez. (See attached) He said the Attorney General's office had advised Dept of Motor Vehicle that they were violating the license plate code and therefore these changes were necessary. He stated if a person loses a plate under this new bill, the plate would be replaced off the shelf and the person would not receive a duplicate of the original plate. Whenever the individualized plates that were issued in 1969 need to be replaced, they will just be replaced off the shelf also. No duplicate will be made. This will keep the license plate costs down. Mr. May asked how long the amendment had been available. He suggested anytime that there is an amendment to a bill that it be made available to the committee members before the meeting so they may have time to study it.

A.B. 152 was the next bill to be discussed. This bill provides changes in traffic laws on right of way. Mr. James Lambert from Nevada Highway Patrol spoke for this bill. He said the Nev Highway Patrol was submitting changes to the present bill to bring about compliance with the Uniform Vehicle Code. This bill would eliminate the shifting of who has the right of way when a person is making a left turn. With this bill the person making a left turn would have to give right of way to oncoming traffic all the time he is making the turn or crossing an intersection.

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A person entering a highway from an alley would be required to stop before approaching a sidewalk and also stop at a point before entering the highway. Mr. Lambert stated the second part of this bill is needed in Las Vegas on the Strip where so many cars pull out from hotels and don't wait for passengers or oncoming traffic. Lambert stated this bill would help the District Attorney's office in prosecuting "right of way" traffic accidents. Now there is a low conviction rate on "right of way" cases.

Virgil Anderson from AAA spoke against the bill. He wants to leave the law the way it is now. He wants to have motorists stop before entering an intersection but then shift the responsibility to the oncoming traffic to allow the person making a left turn the right of way. He said the way the new bill is written, a motorist entering a highway from an alley, parking lot, etc. would have to stop twice, and too many people would not obey this law. Mr. Lambert said the bill did not require two stops. He said maybe the language of the bill was unclear and that he was willing to work with anybody to see if some better language was available. Mr. Firth also spoke against section 2 of the bill. He said the legislature did not have the power to say "a person shall stop his vehicle." he said it should be stated some way to say "the pedestrian has the right of way." Daryl Capurro, Nevada Motor Transport, stated he favored the present law making the responsibility to give right of way to the oncoming car when another car is making a left turn. He also wanted to change the word "stop" in Section 2.

S.B. 60 which restricts use of high or multiple-beam headlights of vehicle when overtaking and passing another vehicle, was the next order of business. Mr. Lambert, Nevada Highway Patrol spoke again for this bill. He said its purpose is to reduce some of the hazardous effects of blinding high beam lights when a person is passing. This bill states that any vehicle following another within 300 feet shall use low beam lights. Mr. Dreyer brought up the question of how this would be enforced. There is nothing the average citizen can do. A police officer must see the law being broken.

S.B. 61 was discussed next. This bill conforms statutory language for vehicle reflector visibility requirement and increases reflector visibility requirement for bicycles and motorcycles. James Lambert spoke for Nevada Highway patrol for this bill. He said it was designed to correct the language of the present statute and make the wording of Sections 1 and 2 compatible.

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Chairman Glover announced that the committee would now resume discussion of A.B. 150 which expands peace officer powers of field dealer inspectors of vehicle compliance and enforcement section of registration division of department of motor vehicles and provides for their early retirement. Bob Kerns representing the police and fire fighters spoke against the bill. He said he was against the early retirement portion of the bill because these field dealer inspectors did not perform or work under hazardous conditions that entitle police officers to early retirement. He stated the retirement board had rejected early retirement for these people also. Mr. Ciardella, speaking for Mr. Silva who was absent, said the field inspectors do work under hazardous conditions--they carry side arms, answer radio calls, go on stake-outs. He said most of these men are X-police officers who have paid into the retirement system. Mr. Dreyer requested that Chairman Glover invite Mr. Vernon Bennett, Executive Secretary of the Retirement Board, to meet with the Transportation committee to discuss the findings and decisions of the retirement board on this matter. As there was no other discussion on these bills from the guests, Chairman Glover announced a 5 minute recess.

After the recess the following action was taken:

Chairman Glover announced a request from Mr. E.J. Silva, Dept of Motor Vehicle, that the committee kill AB 118. He said the Dept of Motor Vehicle was planning to combine it together with A.B. 117. Mr. Dini made a motion to kill A.B. 118; Mr. Howard seconded, and the motion was unanimous.

S.B. 61 Mr. Dreyer moved for "Do Pass." Mr. Dini seconded, and it was unanimous for "Do Pass."

S.B. 60 Mr. May moved for "indefinite postponement;" Mrs. Hayes seconded, but the motion was defeated with Mr. Howard, Mr. Dini, Mr. Jacobsen, and Mr. Glover voting No. Mr. Dini moved for "Do Pass;" Mr. Jacobsen seconded, and it was unanimous for "Do Pass" with Mr. Dreyer, Mrs. Hayes, and Mr. May voting No.

Chairman Glover read an amendment to A.B. 152 designed by Virgil Anderson to change the working. (See Attached) Mr. Jacobsen suggested that the amendment be drafted so that the committee could see clearly what it said.

A.B. 149 Mr. Jacobsen moved for "Do Pass as amended; Mrs Hayes seconded, and it was unanimous for "Do pass as amended."

Chairman Glover announced that he had some new language from Mr. John Borda for A.B. 121. He stated he would get copies to the committee members and that A.B. 121 would be added to the Agenda for Thursday, February 20. Mr. Howard moved to adjourn; Mr. May seconded, and it was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Camille Lee
 Assembly Attache

ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Date Tuesday, Feb. 18 Time 3:00 p.m. Room 214

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Bills or Resolutions to be considered	Subject	Counsel requested*
A.B. 149	Exempts certain license plates from duplicate or substitute plate fee and clarifies fee requirements for substitute certificates, decals and plates. Fiscal Note: No (BDR 43-279)	
A.B. 152	Provides changes in traffic laws on right of way. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-308)	
S.B. 60	Restricts use of high or multiple-beam headlights of vehicle when overtaking and passing another vehicle. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-318)	
S.B. 61	Conforms statutory language for vehicle reflector visibility requirement and increases reflector visibility requirement for bicycles and motorcycles. Fiscal Note: No. (Bdr 43-313)	

AB 150

AB 118

AB 117

AB 121

*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

482.285 Stolen, lost or damaged certificates and plates.

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1. If any (number plate or) certificate of registration or certificate of ownership shall be lost, mutilated or shall have become illegible, the person to whom the same shall have been issued shall immediately make application for and obtain a duplicate or substitute therefore upon furnishing information of such fact satisfactory to the department and upon payment of the required fees.

2. If any special license plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.368, NRS 482.370, 482.373, 482.374 shall be lost, ~~or~~ ^{MUTILATED} or shall become illegible, the person to whom the same shall have been issued shall immediately make application for and obtain a duplicate set of license plates. No fee shall be charged for a duplicate or substitute of any plate or plates issued pursuant to subsection 2 of this act.

3. Any other license plate or plates that shall be lost, mutilated or shall have become illegible, the person to whom the number plate or plates shall have been issued shall immediately make application for and obtain a substitute therefor upon furnishing information of such fact satisfactory to the department and upon payment of the required fees required by NRS 482.500.

4. NRS 482.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

OF 492.285

[Whenever] 1. Except as provided in subsection 2, whenever any duplicate or substitute certificate of registration or ownership, decal or number plate is issued upon application, the following fees shall be paid:

- For a certificate of registration or ownership-----\$2.00
- For every number plate or plates----- 2.00
- For every decal, license plate sticker or tab----- 1.00

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Amendments to Assembly / Senate 5
 Bill / Joint Resolution No. 152 (BDR 43-308)
 Proposed by Committee on Transportation

Amendment N^o 8018



Amend section 1, page 1, by deleting lines 1 through 9 and inserting:

"Section 1. Chapter 484 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section which shall read as follows:

Prior to driving over or upon a sidewalk, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right of way to any pedestrian."

Amend sec. 2, page 1, line 11, by deleting "1."

Amend sec. 2, page 1, by deleting lines 12 through 20 and inserting:



"from a public or private way or from an alley shall yield the right of way to all vehicles approaching on such highway."