

MINUTES

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
February 25, 1975

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

Members Absent: Messrs. Jacobsen, Dreyer (excused for legislative functions meeting)

Guests: Representing

- John R. Battles Student
- John Ciardella Dept Motor Vehicle
- James Lambert Nevada Highway Patrol
- V.L. Fletcher Dept of Motor Vehicle
- Howard Hill Dept of Motor Vehicle
- Virgil Anderson AAA
- Patricia Wellson Student

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glover at 3:10 p.m. The first bill discussed was S.B. 64. This bill prohibits display or possession of invalid registration or title document for motor vehicle or operation with altered identification number or mark. Mr. Ciardella of Department of Motor Vehicles spoke for this bill. He said the bill was being requested because they had had enforcement problems with the D.A.'s office. He said the DMV does get title transfers that have been altered and that they had no language to go back on to get the person prosecuted. Some new language was also added in Section 1 #6. This new language would make it impossible for any person to "knowingly operate a vehicle which has an altered vehicle identification number, serial number, motor number, other distinguishing number or identification mark required for registration purposes." Chairman Glover stated that it would be difficult to prove "knowingly." Mr. Ciardella stated he agreed and that the only penalty now is a misdemeanor.

S.B. 66 was discussed next. This bill allows department of motor vehicles to assign distinguishing number to any trailer with obliterated identification number and to charge fee for assignment and recording. Mr. Ciardella stated at present the Dept of Motor Vehicle can only assess and charge for assignment for motor vehicles. Many trailers the Dept has been assigning free, but this bill would allow them to charge now for trailers also. The charge is \$2.00.

S.B. 67 was the next bill on the agenda. This bill changes the standard used to determine the type of truck which may carry personalized license plates. Mr. Ciardella again spoke for this bill. The words "a rated capacity of 1 ton" would be deleted and the words, "an unladen weight of 6,000 pounds or less," would be inserted. Mr. Ciardella stated this change would apply to National Guard members, Ham Radio operators,

and trucks. Mr. May and Mr Howard asked if this would cover the half ton pickup and the 3/4 ton truck respectively. The answer was yes. Mrs. Hayes asked how much a motor home weighed and wondered if this would be covered. Mr. Ciardella stated that motor homes were clasified as cars so they could also have personalized plates.

S.B. 118 was discussed next. This bill allows issuance of a temporary license to motor vehicle and trailer salesmen and makes license fees nonrefundable. Mr. Ciardella from Dept of Motor Vehicles again presented this bill to the committee. He said by issuing a temporary license to a vehicle salesman this would allow the salesman to begin working faster. Right now it takes 3-4 weeks to complete an investigation, and by then some of these salesmen have gone elsewhere to work. This bill also asks that the fee, which is \$5.00, not be refundable. Mr. Dini questioned if checks would still be performed, or could a person just walk in and get a temporary license "on the spot." Mr. Ciardella said a quick check could be performed through N.C.I.C. to see if the person was "wanted", but this temporary license would eliminate the wait for all the correspondence to be completed. Mr. Howard questioned why the 60 day time limit. Mr. Ciardella indicated that usually the investigation can be completed in 30 days but they were asking for 60 days just in case something really turned up. Mr. May inquired about the person who was issued a temporary license and then Dept of Motor Vehicle found it needed to be revoked. Would there be any problem here? Mr. Ciardella stated that there would be many ways to get the license revoked. As there was no other discussion, Chairman Glover thanked the guests for coming and announced a 5-minute recess.

After the recess the following action was taken:

S.B. 64 Mr. Dini moved for a "Do Pass;" Mr. Howard seconded and it was unanimous.

S.B. 66 Mrs. Hayes made a motion for "Do Pass," Mr. May seconded, and it was unanimous for "Do Pass."

S.B. 67 Mr. Howard moved for a "Do Pass;" Mr. Dini seconded, and the motion was unanimous

S.B. 118 Mr. Dini and Mr. Howard both felt that the 60 day time limit should be changed to 30 days. Mr. Dini moved to hold the bill to check to see what other states are doing on issuing of temporary licenses. Mr. May seconded the motion and it was unanimous.

Chairman Glover made the following assignments for speaking on the bills on the floor: S.B. 64 Mrs. Hayes; S.B. 66 Mr. May; S.B. 67 Mr. Howard.

Chairman Glover presented to the committee two bill requests from the Dept of Motor Vehicle. They wanted committee introduction on them. The first, BDR 40-271, credits funds for engine emission control implementation back to state highway fund and removes requirement that fees collected for such programs be credited back to state highway fund. Mr. Dini moved for committee introduction, Mr. May seconded and it was passed unanimously.

The second bill, BDR 43-272, creates vehicle emission control section in registration division of the department of motor vehicles, sets forth duties of emission control officers and grants peace officer powers. Mr. Dini moved for committee introduction of the bill and then to send it to the Ways and Means Committee; Mr. Howard seconded, and the motion was unanimous.

Mr. Dini moved to adjourn; Mr. Howard seconded, and Chairman Glover adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

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AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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Date Tuesday Feb 25 Time 3:00 pm Room 214

Bills or Resolutions
to be considered

Subject

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| S.B. 64 | Prohibits display or possession of invalid registration or title document for motor vehicle or operation with altered identification number or mark. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-284) | |
| S.B. 67 | Changes standard used to determine type of truck which may carry personalized license plates. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-280) | |
| S.B. 66 | Allows department of motor vehicles to assign distinguishing number to any trailer with obliterated identification number and to charge fee for assignment and recording. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-277) | |
| S.B. 118 | Allows issuance of temporary license to motor vehicle and trailer salesmen and makes license fee nonrefundable. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-278) | |