

MINUTES
ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
APRIL 1, 1975

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Members Present:

Chairman Glover
Mr. Dreyer
Mr. Howard
Mr. Dini
Mr. Jacobsen
Mr. May

Members Absent:

Mrs. Hayes

Guests:

(See attached List)

Chairman Glover called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. The first bill discussed was:

A.B. 334 -- Directs highway department, as to new and replacement highway signs giving distances, to indicate distance information in miles and kilometers

Grant Bastian, Nevada State Highway Dept, was the first to speak for the bill. He explained that he had explored the possibility of initiating this program with the Federal Highway Administration, and they were receptive to this demonstration program. However, no Federal funds would be available as yet. Bastian stated that he would still like to wait until the Federal Government makes the conversion so we could get some federal funds. The Nevada Highway Dept has proposed, however, to make six signs, which would cost about \$8,000, and put them up on the Interstate 15 in Las Vegas.

Chairman Glover asked if the highway dept could still go ahead with this program when they wanted if the Legislature killed this bill. Bastian stated they could with the consent of the Highway Board. Mr. Jacobsen asked if all states are involved in this. Bastian answered no, maybe six or so.

A.B. 120 Changes letter and number systems of vehicle license plates

John Ciardelli, Dept Motor Vehicles, spoke for the bill. He explained that if A.B. 120 were passed, all license plates issued after July 1, 1975 would have 3 letters and 3 numbers on them. He also explained a counter proposal or the amendment to A.B. 120 (see attached) which would just expand the existing codes. He also stated two other changes that were necessary: 1. the Washoe truck series and 2. the motorcycle licenses, which would allow the dept to substitute letters with the numbers on motorcycle license plates. Ciardelli stated that 23 states have the 3 letter 3 number combinations. This system would allow for 17 million combinations, and Nevada could never exhaust them. Other advantages to the 3 and 3 combination are that law enforcement officers would have fewer in a series to check, and this 3 and 3 combination is good for sight

retention.

Mr. May asked if there was any way a person could keep his old license number he has had for years if he is very attached to it. Mr. Ciardelli stated that when his plate expires, he could possibly get it as a personalized plate and pay for it. Mr. Ciardelli stated that the Dept would also retain the decal system for renewal of plates which saves the state money by not having to manufacturing more plates.

Mr. Hill told the committee this bill or its amendment would also save 25 - 50% of the time being spent now manufacturing plates at the prison.

Chairman Glover inquired as to whether a person who wants to keep his old plates that he has had for years could get these plates at a cheaper rate than the regular personalized plates. Mr. Ciardelli felt it would cause too many problems.

A.B. 351 -- Makes failure to comply with command or signal of authorized flagman or other person serving in traffic control capacity unlawful

Mr. Bill Shewan, Highway Dept, spoke in support of the bill. He stated that there were not many violations, but when someone does violate this, he is a hazard to himself, the people working, and other cars. He said the highway dept now trains their flagman so they are qualified to direct traffic. He said his dept. feels from a safety standpoint this is an important piece of legislation.

Jim Lambert, Nevada Highway Patrol, also spoke in favor of the bill. He said for enforcement purposes his dept needs something stated in the law to go on. Chairman Glover questioned the wording "any command". He felt this was too inclusive.

Mr. Dreyer asked what enforcement power does a flagman have. Mr. Lambert said not much. They can only radio to a highway patrolman but he stated again they must have this on the books so they can show something has been violated.

Mr. Jacobsen asked if this bill would only protect construction workers or highway employees. What about people who stop at the scene of an accident. Mr. Lambert stated it would only protect construction and highway employees.

S.B. 218 -- Provides for restricted drivers' licenses for certain private school pupils

Bill Fitzpatrick, Dept Motor Vehicle, explained the bill to the committee and asked for their support.

Mr. Jacobsen asked how many request were received per year. Mr. Fitzpatrick said 15-18 but probably 8-9 qualify for issuance. A person applying for this must show some type of hardship and show there is no transportation provided.

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Mr. Jacobsen inquired if they have to pass the same test anyone else does. Fitzpatrick answered yes.

Mr. Howard Hill also stated that he could not see any problems with this bill.

Mr. Jacobsen asked if there would be anything different in insurance requirements. Fitzpatrick stated nothing.

S.B. 226 -- Enables department of highways to establish permit fees for operation of oversize or overweight vehicles.

Gene Phelps, Nevada Highway Department, spoke in support of the bill. He stated the passage of this bill would just bring Nevada into line with other states. There is only one other state that does not have this. He stated the permits in surrounding states are from \$3 - \$5. He said permits are being issued now but no fees have been collected.

Mr. Dreyer asked if highway dept had a basic figure now of how much they would charge. Mr. Phelps said not now because they wanted to see how much it would cost first to issue the permit and charge the fee. He said this was not a revenue increasing measure.

Mr. Dreyer asked if any new personnel would have to be hired. Mr. Phelps indicated that he didn't think so

Mr. Jacobsen asked if the majority of requests come from in state or out of state people. Mr. Phelps stated that the majority come from trailers but the overweight movements would probably be in state construction workers moving heavy equipment.

As there was no other discussion, Chairman Glover declared a five minute recess.

After the recess the following action was taken:

S.B. 226 -- Mr. Howard moved a Do Pass; Mr Jacobsen seconded and it was unanimous.

S.B. 218 -- Mr. Jacobsen made a motion for Do Pass; Mr. Dreyer seconded, and it was unanimous for Do Pass

A.B. 351 -- Mr. Howard stated that he thought A.B. 272 which the committee has passed already covers these problems. Mr. Dreyer made a motion for indefinite postponement, Mr. Jacobsen seconded, and it was unanimous.

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A.B. 120 Chairman Glover suggested that the Committee hold this bill until everyone on committee is here for the vote and discussion. There were such suggestions presented as to reversing the numbers now being used or putting the numbers first and then the letters. Most committee members did not want to do away with the county designation.

A.B. 334 Mr. Jacobsen moved to kill the bill; Mr. Dreyer seconded and it was unanimous. Mr. Jacobsen also suggested the committee direct a letter to Mr. Bastian of the Committee's intent to kill the bill until Federal funds become available. Then they will carry out the program.

Chairman Glover made the following assignments for speaking on bills on the floor.

S.B. 226 Mr. Howard

S.B. 218 Mr. Jacobsen

Chairman Glover adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Camille Lee
Assembly Attache

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Date April 1, 1975 Time 3:00 p.m. Room 214

<u>Bills or Resolutions to be considered</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Counsel requested*</u>
A.B. 120	Changes letter and number systems of vehicle license plates	
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*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

LEGISLATION TO BE CONSIDERED:

April 1, 1975

AB 120 AB 351 AB 334 SB 218 SB 22663

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Only those persons who have registered below will be permitted to speak. All persons wishing to present testimony will please sign in below, stating their name, who they represent, and whether they wish to speak for or against the matter to be considered by the committee.

Also please sign below if you wish just to observe and listen.

NAME	REPRESENTING	GUEST	WISH TO SPEAK	
			FOR	AGAINST

TOWARD HILL DMV

Grant Bastian Hwy

Bill Shewan Hwy.

GEORGE PHELPS Hwy

J.R. Fletcher DMV

BILL FITZPATRICK DMV

JOHN CIGARRILL DMV

Virgie Anderson

Proposed Amendment to
AB 120

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VEHICLE LICENSING, REGISTRATION 482.270

3. Every vehicle referred to in subsection 1 of NRS 482.206 being registered for the first time in Nevada shall be taxed for privilege tax purposes for a 12-month period. Every vehicle referred to in subsection 3 of NRS 482.206 being registered for the first time in Nevada shall be taxed for privilege tax purposes pro rata on a monthly basis upon the amount of time remaining in the current registration year.

[11:202:1931; A 1945, 151; 1949, 480; 1953, 280; 1954, 43]—
(NRS A 1959, 912; 1960, 100; 1961, 129; 1963, 1126; 1969, 684; 1973, 70, 400)

482.265 License plates to be issued by department on registration; stickers, tabs, other devices authorized on renewal registration.

1. The department shall furnish to every owner whose vehicle shall be registered two license plates for a motor vehicle other than a motorcycle or power cycle, and one license plate for all other vehicles required to be registered hereunder. Upon renewal of registration, the department may issue one or more license plate stickers, tabs or other suitable devices in lieu of new license plates.

2. The director shall have the authority to require the return to the department of all number plates upon termination of the lawful use thereof by the owner under this chapter.

[Part 12:202:1931; A 1949, 45; 1953, 106; 1955, 582]—(NRS A 1959, 862; 1961, 129; 1963, 224, 1126)

482.270 License plates: Specifications; code letters for passenger cars.

1. The director shall order the preparation of motor vehicle license plates with no other colors than blue and silver. The director may, in his discretion, substitute white in place of silver when no suitable material is available.

2. The director may determine and vary the size, shape and form and the material of which license plates shall be made, but each license plate shall be of sufficient size to be plainly readable from a distance of 100 feet during daylight. All license plates shall be so treated as to reflect light and to be at least 100 times brighter than conventional painted number plates. When properly mounted on an unlighted vehicle, the license plates, when viewed from a vehicle equipped with standard headlights, shall be visible for a distance of not less than 1,500 feet and readable for a distance of not less than 110 feet.

3. Every license plate shall have displayed upon it the registration number assigned to the vehicle and to the owner thereof, and the name of the state, which may be abbreviated, and:

(a) If issued for a calendar year, such year.

(b) If issued for a registration period other than a calendar year, the month and year such registration expires.

4. The registration numbers assigned to passenger cars shall be coded for Carson City and the several counties and consecutively numbered. The code letters shall be at the left of the number plate, as follows:

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482.272 VEHICLE LICENSING, REGISTRATION

Carson City, OR or ORA to ORZ, inclusive, and when exhausted OAA to OZZ, inclusive, except the series ORA to ORZ;
 Churchill, CH or CHA to CHZ, inclusive, and when exhausted FAA to FZZ, inclusive;
 Clark, C or CA to CZ, inclusive, or CAA to CZZ, inclusive;
 Douglas, DS or DSA to DSZ, inclusive, and when exhausted DAA to DZZ;
 Elko, EL or ELA to ELZ, inclusive, and when exhausted EAA to EZZ, inclusive, except the respective series ELA to ELZ, ESA to ESZ and EUA to EUZ;
 Esmeralda, ES or ESA to ESZ, inclusive, and when exhausted FAA to FZZ;
 Eureka, EU or EUA to EUZ, inclusive, and when exhausted GAA to GZZ;
 Humboldt, HU or HUA to HUZ, inclusive, and when exhausted HAA to HZZ;
 Lander, LA or LAA to LAZ, inclusive, and when exhausted JAA to JZZ;
 Lincoln, LN or LNA to LNZ, inclusive, and when exhausted KAA to KZZ;
 Lyon, LY or LYA to LYZ, inclusive, and when exhausted LBB to LZZ;
 Mineral, MN or MNA to MNZ, inclusive, and when exhausted MAA to MZZ;
 Nye, NY or NYA to NYZ, inclusive, and when exhausted NAA to NZZ, inclusive, except the series NYA to NYZ;
 Pershing, PE or PEA to PEZ, inclusive, and when exhausted PAA to PZZ;
 Storey, ST or STA to STZ, inclusive, and when exhausted SAA to SZZ;
 Washoe, W or WAA to WZZ, inclusive; and
 White Pine, WP or WPA to WPZ, inclusive, and when exhausted ZAA to ZZZ, inclusive.

Prefix letters which do not duplicate nor conflict with the foregoing code letters may be reserved by the department for number plates assignable to dealers, exempt vehicles and motorcycles, as may be determined; but the letters I and Q shall not be used for any vehicle. Following the county code, or special prefix letter, a series of five or fewer numerals, commencing with 1 to 99,999, shall be used for Carson City and each county as the need may be. The letters H, I, O, P, Q and U shall not be used as the second letter in Clark and Washoe counties.

5. The director shall first exhaust the code letters containing the fewest letters before assigning any additional letter.

6. No number plates may contain more than six letters and numbers in combination.

7. All letters and numbers shall be of the same size.

8. The director may omit letters added to a single- or double-letter county code when appropriate to avoid misleading or offensive combinations.

[Part 12:202;1931; A 1949, 45; 1953, 106; 1955, 582] + [1:131:1943; 1943 NCL § 4443.01] + [1:319:1953]—(NRS A 1960, 128; 1961, 130, 419; 1965, 1337; 1969, 340, 685, 1048; 1971, 51; 1973, 864)

482.272 License plates: Motorcycles.

1. Each license plate for a motorcycle shall contain five numbers and no letters. Only one plate shall be issued for a motorcycle.

2. Motorcycle license plates shall be issued in consecutive numerical order for statewide distribution.

(Added to NRS by 1973, 865)

3. In the event the department exhausts the license plate code of subsection 1, the department may substitute letters in combination with numerals for expansion of this code.

VEHICLE LICENSING, REGISTRATION 482.274

482.273 License plates: Code letters for trucks.

1. The director shall order the preparation of vehicle license plates for trucks in the same manner as provided for passenger cars in NRS 482.270.

2. The registration numbers assigned to trucks, after January 1, 1970, shall be coded for Carson City and the several counties and consecutively numbered. The code letters and numbers assigned shall be as follows:

Carson City, OA0001 to OZ9999, inclusive;
 Churchill, AA0001 to AZ9999, inclusive;
 Clark, BA0001 to BZ9999, inclusive, and when exhausted YA to YZ
 Douglas, DA0001 to DZ9999, inclusive, except DS0001 to DS9999,
 inclusive;
 Elko, EA0001 to EZ9999, inclusive, except EL0001 to EL9999,
 inclusive;
 Esmeralda, FA0001 to FZ9999, inclusive;
 Eureka, GA0001 to GZ9999, inclusive;
 Humboldt, HA0001 to HZ9999, inclusive, except HU0001 to
 HU9999, inclusive;
 Lander, JA0001 to JZ9999, inclusive;
 Lincoln, KA0001 to KZ9999, inclusive;
 Lyon, LB0001 to LZ9999, inclusive;
 Mineral, MA0001 to MZ9999, inclusive, except MN0001 to
 MN9999, inclusive;
 Nye, NA0001 to NZ9999, inclusive, except NY0001 to NY9999,
 inclusive;
 Pershing, PA0001 to PZ9999, inclusive, except PE0001 to PE9999,
 inclusive;
 Storey, SA0001 to SZ9999, inclusive;
 Washoe, WA0001 to WZ9999, inclusive, and XA0001 to XZ9999
 White Pine, ZA0001 to ZZ9999, inclusive. (except X00001 thru
 X09999)

3. Any license plates issued for a truck prior to July 1, 1971, bearing a different designation than that provided for in this section, shall be valid during the period for which such plates were issued.

(Added to NRS by 1969, 1050; A 1971, 53)

482.274 License plates: Code letters for trailers.

1. The director shall order the preparation of vehicle license plates for trailers in the same manner provided for passenger cars in NRS 482.270.

2. The registration numbers assigned to trailers, after January 1, 1970, shall be coded for Carson City and the several counties and consecutively numbered. The code letters and numbers assigned shall be as follows:

Carson City, O00001 to O99999, inclusive;
 Churchill, A00001 to A99999, inclusive;
 Clark, B00001 to B99999, inclusive, and 00001B to 99999B, inclu-
 sive;
 Douglas, D00001 to D99999, inclusive;

Elko, E00001 to E99999, inclusive;
Esmeralda, F00001 to F99999, inclusive;
Eureka, G00001 to G99999, inclusive;
Humboldt, H00001 to H99999, inclusive;
Lander, J00001 to J99999, inclusive;
Lincoln, K00001 to K99999, inclusive;
Lyon, L00001 to L99999, inclusive;
Mineral, M00001 to M99999, inclusive;
Nye, N00001 to N99999, inclusive;
Pershing, P00001 to P99999, inclusive;
Storey, S00001 to S99999, inclusive;
Washoe, X00001 to X99999, inclusive; and
White Pine, Z00001 to Z99999, inclusive.

3. Any license plates issued for a trailer prior to July 1, 1971, bearing a different designation than that provided for in this section, shall be valid during the period for which such plates were issued.

(Added to NRS by 1969, 1050; A 1971, 53)

482.275 Display of license plates.

1. The license plates for a motor vehicle other than a motorcycle or power cycle shall be attached thereto, one in the front and the other in the rear. The license plate issued for all other vehicles required to be registered hereunder shall be attached to the rear thereof. Number plates shall be so displayed during the current calendar year or registration period.

2. Every number plate shall at all times be securely fastened to the vehicle to which it is assigned so as to prevent the plate from swinging and at a height not less than 12 inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of such plate, in a place and position to be clearly visible, and shall be maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly legible.

[13:202:1931; 1931 NCL § 4435.12]—(NRS A 1959, 863; 1963, 1127; 1969, 686)

482.280 Expiration and renewal of registration.

1. The registration of every vehicle referred to in subsection 1 of NRS 482.206 shall expire at midnight on the last day of the last month of the registration period. The registration of every vehicle referred to in subsection 3 of NRS 482.206 shall expire at midnight on December 31. The department shall mail to each holder of a valid registration certificate an application form for renewal registration for the following registration period. Such forms shall be mailed by the department in sufficient time to allow all applicants to mail the applications to the department and to receive new registration certificates and license plates, stickers, tabs or other suitable devices by mail prior to expiration of subsisting registrations. An applicant may, if he chooses, present the application to any agent or office of the department.

2. The department shall insert in each application form mailed as