

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING
Wednesday, February 19, 1975

The fourth meeting of the Transportation Committee was called to order on Wednesday, February 19, 1975 at 12:20 p.m. in the afternoon.

Chairman Helen Herr was in the Chair.

PRESENT: Chairman Helen Herr
Vice Chairman Warren Monro
Senator Jack Schofield
Senator Mary Gojack
Senator Richard Blakemore
Senator William Raggio

ABSENT: Senator Joe Neal

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Tom Young, Sierra Pacific Power
Ray Saibini, Sierra Pacific Power
Gino Gini, Sierra Pacific Power
Robert Guinn, Nevada Transport Association
Darryl Capurro, " " "
Virgil Anderson, A.A.A.
Bernie Smith, A.A.A.
Bill Adams, Las Vegas City Manager
Bob Warren, League of Cities - State of Nevada
Terry Weaver, Leg. Intern - Wm. Raggio
V. L. Fletcher)
James Lambert) DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
John Ciardella)
Howard Hill)

ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING BILLS:

SB 121 Requires vehicle safety inspections.

After thorough discussion regarding amendments needed on this bill, plus Senator Herr wished to wait for a sister-bill which was in the Assembly, it was the consensus of the Committee to hear SB 121 along with the Assembly Bill at some later date.

SB 130 Requires emergency reflectors on tow cars and implements of husbandry.

Testimony was given on amendments which needed to be made on this bill by Robert Guinn of the Nevada Motor Transport Association. After short deliberation, it was the feeling of the Committee to hold this bill until these amendments were made and the bill was re-printed.

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SB 108 Enacts the Multistate Highway Transportation Agreement.

Because further information was needed before acting on this bill, the Committee agreed to hold it until a later date.

SB 174 Exempts motor-assisted bicycles from motor vehicle registration and driver's license provisions and provides for application of traffic laws and certain equipment provisions to motor-assisted bicycles.

James Lambert, Nevada Highway Patrol, gave testimony as to the purpose of this bill.

Because of needed amendments to this bill,

Senator Monroe moved the amendment be drawn before voting upon this measure.

Unanimous approval was given by the Committee.

AB 123 Revises provisions and exempts mobile homes from additional lighting equipment requirements. * €

James Lambert testified as to the purpose of the bill.
After short discussion:

Senator Schofield moved DO PASS
Senator Blakemore seconded the motion
Motion Carried Unanimously

AB 125 Revises provision on motor vehicle safety glazing material.*

James Lambert testified as to the purpose of the bill.
After a short discussion:

Senator Blakemore moved DO PASS
Senator Schofield seconded the motion
Motion Carried Unanimously

SB 126 Requires additional information to be included on traffic citations. *

James Lambert testified as to the purpose of the bill.

Senator Blakemore moved DO PASS
Senator Schofield seconded the motion
Motion Carried Unanimously

* See attached

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SB 127 Prescribes minimum width of motorcycle handlebars. *

James Lambert testified to the purpose of the bill.

Senator Monroe moved DO PASS
Seconded by Senator Schofield
Motion Carried Unanimously

SB 128 Extends certain restrictions against vehicle parking to business and residential districts.

James Lambert testified to the purpose of the bill. After much discussion between the Committee, Mr. Guinn and Virgil Anderson, and representatives of the utility companies, it was decided that the Department of Motor Vehicles would meet with Mr. Guinn and the Utility Companies and work out needed amendments. The bill would then be presented to the Committee at a later date.

SB 129 Changes responsibility of repair shop operator for reporting receipt of certain damaged vehicles.*

James Lambert testified as to the purpose of the bill. Robert Guinn testified against the bill because he felt that if every vehicle brought into a repair shop which had a scratch or a dent, the burden of responsibility was too much on the repair shop people.

After further discussion:

Senator Blakemore moved to amend by deleting in Section 1, Sub-section 1, Line 4, after involved in an accident (of which written notice, information or report must be made by the driver or owner thereof as provided in NRS 484.223, 484.227 or 484.229), starting again on Line 6 with: shall report to the local police department if such

Senator Raggio seconded the motion.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Senator Schofield moved DO PASS WITH AMENDMENT
Senator Monroe seconded the motion
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Senator Herr asked for the feeling of the Committee regarding a B.D.R. from the Highway Department which had not been assigned to Committee as yet. As this bill had a Fiscal Note of some size:

Senator Blakemore moved it be sent to the Finance Committee before being brought before the Transportation Committee.
Senator Raggio seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously.

*See attached.

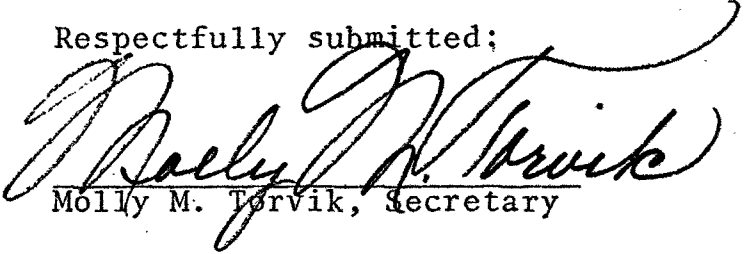
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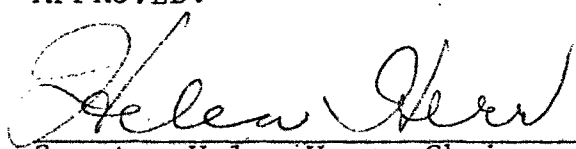
Senator Herr announced that there would be a hearing on March 5, 1975 at 12 o'clock noon regarding the Instant Drivers' License bill. Mr. Ted Erlich of Poloroid and Mr. Don Karst of Dek-Electro were to be notified of this hearing so they could be present to testify.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until Monday, February 24, 1975 at 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon.

Respectfully submitted;


Molly M. Torvik, Secretary

APPROVED:


Senator Helen Herr, Chairman

* Copy of bill attached.

A.B. 123

THE PURPOSE OF THIS BILL IS TO PROPERLY DEFINE A CONVERTER DOLLY. THE PRESENT DEFINITION CAN BE CONSTRUED TO MEAN IT IS A MOTOR VEHICLE.

THE SECOND PURPOSE OF THIS BILL IS TO AMEND THE LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS ON A MOBILE HOME TO BE CONSISTENT WITH PART 571 OF THE FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS, APRIL 29, 1974, S4.1.1.25.

PLUS MISC. CLARIFICATION OF TERMS - VEHICLE - EXPENDED TO TRAILER & SEMI-TRAILERS. ADD WORD "MANUFACTURED" TO CLARIFY INTENT OF SECTION.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 123—COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION

JANUARY 29, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises provisions and exempts mobile homes from additional lighting equipment requirements. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-316)

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

AN ACT relating to equipment of vehicles; revising provisions; exempting mobile homes from additional lighting requirements; 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 484.561 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 484.561 1. In addition to other equipment required in this chapter
3 the following vehicles shall be equipped as stated in this section.
4 2. On every bus or truck 80 inches or more in overall width manu-
5 factured after January 1, 1970, there shall be the following:
6 (a) On the front, two clearance lamps, one at each side, and three
7 identification lamps meeting the requirements of subsection 8.
8 (b) On the rear, two clearance lamps, one at each side, and three
9 identification lamps meeting the requirements of subsection 8.
10 (c) On each side, two side marker lamps, one at or near the front
11 and one at or near the rear.
12 (d) On each side, two reflectors, one at or near the front and one at
13 or near the rear.
14 3. On every trailer or semitrailer 80 inches or more in overall width
15 there shall be the following:
16 (a) On the front, two clearance lamps, one at each side.
17 (b) On the rear, two clearance lamps, and three identification lamps
18 meeting the requirements of subsection 8.
19 (c) On each side, two side marker lamps, one at or near the front
20 and one at or near the rear.
21 (d) On each side, two reflectors, one at or near the front and one at
22 or near the rear.
23 4. For the purposes of this section "converter dolly" means a
24 **[motor]** vehicle with a fifth wheel lower half or equivalent mechanism,

A.B. 125

THE ONLY PURPOSE OF THIS BILL IS TO MAKE IT CONSISTENT
WITH A CHANGED TITLE; FORMERLY THE "UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA INSTITUTE SAFETY CODE" HAS BEEN RENAMED "AMERICAN
NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE SAFETY CODE."

A. B. 125

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 125—COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION

JANUARY 29, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises provision on motor vehicle safety glazing material.
Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-326)



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

AN ACT relating to motor vehicle equipment; conforming provision on safety glazing material to conform to new title of institute which establishes standards for such material.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 484.623 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 484.623 1. It is unlawful for any person to sell, offer for sale or drive
3 any motor vehicle manufactured after January 1, 1970, unless such
4 vehicle is equipped with safety glazing material wherever glazing materials
5 are used in such vehicle for partitions, doors, windows, windshields or
6 wind deflectors.
7 2. It is unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale any camper
8 manufactured after January 1, 1970, and it is unlawful for any person to
9 drive such a motor vehicle registered in this state which is equipped with
10 a camper, unless such camper is equipped with safety glazing materials
11 wherever glazing materials are used in outside windows and doors. As
12 used in this subsection, "camper" means any structure designed to be
13 loaded onto, or affixed to, a motor vehicle to provide temporary living
14 quarters for recreation, travel or other use.
15 3. As used in this section, "safety glazing materials" means glazing
16 materials so constructed, treated or combined with other materials as to
17 reduce substantially, in comparison with ordinary sheet glass, the likeli-
18 hood of injury to persons by objects from exterior sources or by such
19 safety glazing materials when they may be cracked or broken.
20 4. The department of motor vehicles shall establish specifications or
21 requirements for approved safety glazing material which shall not be
22 lower in standard than those specifications or requirements for safety
23 glazing material established by the [United States of America] *American*
24 *National Standards Institute Safety Code Z26.1—1950*, and shall main-
25 tain a list of approved safety glazing material.

S.B. 126

THE PURPOSE OF THIS BILL IS TO REQUIRE PEACE OFFICERS TO ENTER THE DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER, IF AVAILABLE, OF A TRAFFIC VIOLATOR WHEN PREPARING A WRITTEN TRAFFIC CITATION.

THE PRESENT SECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE THE DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER- IT IS AN IMPORTANT PERSONAL IDENTIFIER IN AUTOMATED RECORDS PROGRAMS AND IN REPORTING NON-RESIDENT VIOLATIONS TO THE VIOLATORS HOME STATES; AND IT IS AN AID TO FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATIONS FOR NON-APPEARANCE.

LAW ENFORCEMENT PEOPLE AND THE COURTS WOULD PREFER THAT THE INFORMATION REGARDING THE DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER BE INCLUDED IN THE CITATION.

S. B. 126

**SENATE BILL NO. 126—COMMITTEE
ON TRANSPORTATION**

JANUARY 30, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Requires additional information to be included on traffic citations. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-333)

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

AN ACT relating to traffic laws; requiring a peace officer to include the driver's license number, if any, on a traffic citation.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** NRS 484.799 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 484.799 1. Whenever a person is halted by a peace officer for any
3 violation of this chapter punishable as a misdemeanor and is not taken
4 before a magistrate as required or permitted by NRS 484.793 and 484.-
5 795, the peace officer may prepare in quadruplicate a written traffic cita-
6 tion in the form of a complaint issuing in the name of "The State of
7 Nevada," containing a notice to appear in court, the name and address of
8 the person, the state registration number of his vehicle, if any, *the number*
9 *of his driver's license, if any,* the offense charged, including a brief descrip-
10 tion of the offense and the NRS citation, the time and place when and
11 where the person shall appear in court, and such other pertinent informa-
12 tion as may be necessary. The citation shall be signed by the peace officer.
13 2. The time specified in the notice to appear must be at least 5 days
14 after the alleged violation unless the person charged with the violation
15 demands an earlier hearing.
16 3. The place specified in the notice to appear must be before a magis-
17 trate, as designated in NRS 484.803.
18 4. The person charged with the violation may give his written promise
19 to appear in court by signing at least one copy of the written traffic cita-
20 tion prepared by the peace officer, in which event the peace officer shall
21 deliver a copy of the citation to the person, and thereupon the peace officer
22 shall not take the person into physical custody for the violation. A copy
23 of the citation signed by the person charged shall suffice as proof of
24 service.

S.B. 127

THE PURPOSE OF THIS BILL IS TO MAINTAIN THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE HANDGRIP PORTIONS OF MOTORCYCLE HANDLEBARS AT A REASONABLY SAFE WIDTH.

THERE HAVE BEEN INSTANCES WHEREIN AN OWNER HAS REPLACED THE ORIGINALLY EQUIPPED HANDLEBARS WITH EITHER A SMALL WHEEL STEERING DEVICE OR HANDLEBARS WITH HANDLEGRIPS SIX TO TEN INCHES APART. THIS MODIFICATION RESTRICTS FULL CONTROL IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

THE AMENDING OF THIS SECTION WOULD ASSIST LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF MOTORCYCLE SAFETY ON THE HIGHWAYS.

S. B. 127

SENATE BILL NO. 127—COMMITTEE
ON TRANSPORTATION

JANUARY 30, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Prescribes minimum width of motorcycle handlebars.
Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-335)



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

AN ACT relating to motorcycle equipment; prescribing the
minimum width of motorcycle handlebars.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 486.201 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 486.201 A person shall not drive a motorcycle equipped with handle-
3 bars: [which are more]
4 1. *More than 15 inches in height above the uppermost portion of*
5 *the driver's seat when such seat is depressed by the weight of the driver.*
6 2. *Less than 18 inches in width between the handgrip portions.*

S. B. 129

SENATE BILL NO. 129—COMMITTEE
ON TRANSPORTATION

JANUARY 30, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Changes responsibility of repair shop operator for reporting receipt of certain damaged vehicles. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-306)



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

AN ACT relating to traffic laws; changing the responsibility of a person in charge of a garage or repair shop for reporting to law enforcement authorities his receipt of certain damaged vehicles; expanding class of damaged vehicles subject to reports; and excepting vehicles with damage stickers.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 484.241 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 2 484.241 1. The person in charge of any garage or repair shop to
 3 which is brought any motor vehicle which shows evidence of having been
 4 involved in an accident of which **[written]** *notice, information or report*
 5 must be made by the driver or owner thereof as provided in NRS 484.223,
 6 484.227 or 484.229 shall report to the local police department if such
 7 garage or shop is located within a city, otherwise to the office of the
 8 county sheriff or the nearest office of the Nevada highway patrol, within
 9 24 hours after such motor vehicle is received by the garage or repair shop,
 10 giving the serial number, registration number and the name and address
 11 of the owner or operator of such vehicle **[.]**, *unless a damage sticker has*
 12 *been affixed to it by a local police department, a county sheriff's depart-*
 13 *ment or the Nevada highway patrol.*
 14 2. The provisions of this section shall not apply where the local
 15 authority having jurisdiction has enacted an ordinance in substantial com-
 16 pliance with this section.

THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS BILL IS TO REQUIRE PERSONS IN CHARGE OF A GARAGE OR REPAIR SHOP TO REPORT ANY DAMAGE TO A MOTOR VEHICLE WHICH SHOWS EVIDENCE OF HAVING BEEN INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT, WHENEVER SUCH VEHICLE DOES NOT HAVE A DAMAGE STICKER AFFIXED TO IT BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

THE SECONDARY PURPOSE OF THIS BILL IS TO CLARIFY AND EXPAND THE SECTION. THE PRESENT WORDING CAN BE MISINTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT SUCH GARAGE PERSON DOES NOT HAVE TO REPORT UNLESS THE DRIVER OR OWNER OF SUCH VEHICLE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT WHICH RESULTED IN DEATH OR INJURY OR DAMAGE TO AN APPARENT EXTENT OF \$250.00. THE GARAGE PERSON CAN NOT BE EXPECTED TO KNOW WHETHER THE DAMAGE TO A VEHICLE, WHICH IS LESS THAN \$250.00 WAS INVOLVED IN A PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENT WHICH RESULTED IN DEATH OR INJURY.

A VEHICLE WITH ONLY \$25.00 DAMAGE COULD HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT WHICH RESULTED IN DEATH OR INJURY TO A PEDESTRIAN.

IT IS NOT MANDATORY THAT ANY POLICE AGENCY ESTABLISH A DAMAGE STICKER PROGRAM.

THIS IS AN ANTI-HIT-AND-RUN BILL.