

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

7

Wednesday, February 5, 1975

The second meeting of the Transportation Committee was called to order on Wednesday, February 5, 1975 at 5:00 p.m.

Vice Chairman Warren Monroe was in the Chair.

PRESENT: Vice Chairman Warren Monroe
Senator Jack Schofield
Senator Mary Gojack
Senator Joe Neal
Senator William Raggio

ABSENT: Chairman Helen Herr
Senator Richard Blackmore

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Cy Ryan, Press
Virgil Anderson, AAA
Vern Calhoun, State Narcotics
Daryl Capurro) Nev. Franc. Auto Dealers
Robert Guinn) Nevada Motor Transport
Howard Hill) Director, D.M.V.
W. W. Richards) Motor Carrier, D.M.V.
V. L. Fletcher) D.M.V.
James Lambert) NHP - D.M.V.
John Ciardella) Registration, D.M.V.

ACTION WAS THEN TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING BILLS:

SB 60 An act relating to equipment of vehicles; restricting the use of high or multiple-beam headlights when overtaking and passing another vehicle. *

Colonel James Lambert, Chief of the Nevada Highway Patrol testified as to the purpose of this bill.

Senator Joe Neal moved DO PASS.
Senator William Raggio seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

SB 61 Conforms statutory language for vehicle reflector visibility requirement and increases reflector visibility requirement for bicycles and motorcycles. *

Colonel Lambert testified as to the purpose of this bill.

Senator Raggio moved DO PASS
Senator Neal seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

SB 62 Removes provision that discharge in bankruptcy does not relieve judgment debtor from certain requirements of Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act. *

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SB 62 (Continued)

Howard Hill, Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles testified on the purpose of this bill.*

Senator Neal moved DO PASS
Senator Raggio seconded the motion
Motion carried.

SB 63 Provides for special drivers' licenses for law enforcement agencies.*

Howard Hill, DMV and Vern Calhoun of the State Narcotics Division testified as to the purpose of this bill.

Senator Raggio brought up questions concerning penalties for misuse of these licenses and how they would be cancelled after their specific use.

Senator Raggio then moved to amend the bill....."that the Department of Motor Vehicles, through regulation would provide for cancellation of the license when the specific purpose has been met and penalties if there is misuse of such license."

Senator Neal seconded the amendment.

Senator Raggio moved DO PASS WITH AMENDMENT
Senator Gojack seconded the motion
Motion carried.

SB 64 Prohibits display or possession of invalid registration or title document for motor vehicle or operation with altered identification number or mark.*

John Ciardella, Chief of the Registration Division, Department of Motor Vehicles, testified as to the purpose of this bill.

Senator Raggio moved DO PASS.
Senator Neal seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

SB 65 Changes date for certain special fuel dealers and users to file return and pay taxes.

W. W. Richards, Chief, Motor Carrier Division, Department of Motor Vehicles, testified as to the purpose of this bill.

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SB 65 (Continued)

Senator Schofield moved DO PASS.
Senator Raggio seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

SB 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.*

John Ciardella, DMV, testified as to the purpose of this bill.

Senator Raggio questioned whether the bill actually did what it was supposed to accomplish. After much discussion and remarks from Virgil Anderson of AAA:

Senator Raggio moved the bill be amended as follows:
Adding to Section 1, sub-section 2
.....and for the assignment of distinguishing numbers pursuant to NRS 482.533.
Senator Neal seconded the motion.

Senator Raggio then moved DO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.
Senator Neal seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

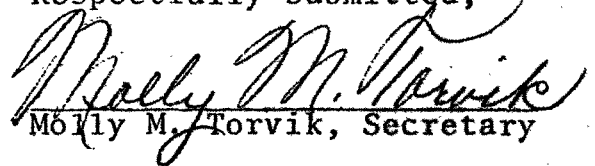
SB 67 Changes standard used to determine type of truck which may carry personalized license plates.*

John Ciardella testified as to the purpose of the bill.

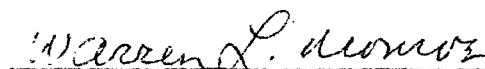
Senator Raggio moved DO PASS.
Senator Schofield seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until Monday, February 10, 1975 at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Molly M. Torvik, Secretary

APPROVED BY:


Senator Warren Monroe
Vice Chairman

*Copy of bill attached

S. B. 60**SENATE BILL NO. 60—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

JANUARY 29, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Restricts use of high or multiple-beam headlights of vehicle when overtaking and passing another vehicle. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-318)

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

AN ACT relating to equipment of vehicles; restricting the use of high or multiple-beam headlights when overtaking and passing another vehicle.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 484.589 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 2 484.589 Whenever a motor vehicle is being operated on the traveled
 3 portion of the highway, or shoulder adjacent thereto, during the times
 4 specified in NRS 484.545, the driver shall use a distribution of light, or
 5 composite beam, directed high enough and of sufficient intensity to reveal
 6 persons and vehicles at a safe distance in advance of the vehicle, subject to
 7 the following requirements and limitations:
 8 1. Whenever a driver of a vehicle approaches an oncoming vehicle
 9 within 500 feet, such driver shall use a distribution of light, or composite
 10 beam, so aimed that the glaring rays are not projected into the eyes of the
 11 oncoming driver. The lowermost distribution of light, or composite beam,
 12 specified in subsection 2 of NRS 484.587, shall be deemed to avoid glare
 13 at all times, regardless of road contour and loading.
 14 2. Whenever the driver of a vehicle follows another vehicle within
 15 300 feet to the rear [, except when engaged in the act of overtaking and
 16 passing, such] , the driver shall use a distribution of light permissible
 17 under this chapter other than the uppermost distribution of light specified
 18 in subsection 1 of NRS 484.587.

S. B. 61

SENATE BILL NO. 61—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

JANUARY 29, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Conforms statutory language for vehicle reflector visibility requirement and increases reflector visibility requirement for bicycles and motorcycles. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-313)

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

AN ACT relating to equipment of vehicles; conforming statutory language for vehicle reflector visibility requirement; increasing the reflector visibility requirement for bicycles and motorcycles; 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 484.513 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 484.513 1. Every bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be equipped
3 with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a
4 distance of at least 500 feet to the front and with a red reflector on the
5 rear of a type approved by the department of motor vehicles which shall
6 be visible from all distances from 50 feet to 300 feet to the rear when
7 directly in front of lawful [upper] lower beams of head lamps on a motor
8 vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to
9 the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.

10 2. No person shall operate a bicycle unless it is equipped with a bell
11 or other device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least
12 100 feet, but a bicycle shall not be equipped with nor shall any person use
13 upon a bicycle any siren or whistle.

14 3. Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the
15 operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

16 SEC. 2. NRS 484.567 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 484.567 1. Every reflector required by NRS 484.561 shall be of such
18 size and characteristics and so maintained as to be readily visible at
19 nighttime from all distances within 600 feet to 100 feet from the vehicle
20 when directly in front of lawful [upper] lower beams of head lamps.

21 2. Every front and rear clearance lamp and identification lamp
22 required by NRS 484.561 shall be capable of being seen and distinguished
23 under normal atmospheric conditions at the times lighted lamps are
24 required at all distances between 500 feet to 50 feet from the front and
25 rear, respectively, of the vehicle on which mounted.

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S. B. 62

SENATE BILL NO. 62—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

JANUARY 29, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Removes provision that discharge in bankruptcy does not relieve judgment debtor from certain requirements of Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-299)



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

AN ACT to amend NRS 485.303, relating to drivers' licenses and registration, by removing the provision that a discharge in bankruptcy does not relieve a judgment debtor from certain requirements of the Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 485.303 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 485.303 [1.] Such license, registration and nonresident's operating
- 3 privilege shall remain so suspended and shall not be renewed, nor shall
- 4 any such license or registration be thereafter issued in the name of such
- 5 person, including any such person not previously licensed, unless and
- 6 until every such judgment is stayed, satisfied in full or to the extent here-
- 7 inafter provided and until the person gives proof of financial responsibil-
- 8 ity subject to the exemptions stated in NRS 485.302 and 485.305.
- 9 [2. A discharge in bankruptcy following the rendering of any such
- 10 judgment shall not relieve the judgment debtor from any of the require-
- 11 ments of NRS 485.301 to 485.3099, inclusive.]

S. B. 63**SENATE BILL NO. 63—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

JANUARY 29, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Provides for special drivers' licenses for law enforcement agencies. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-292)

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

AN ACT relating to drivers' licenses; providing for special drivers' licenses for law enforcement agencies; 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 483.340 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 2 483.340 1. The department shall (upon payment of the required
 3 fee) issue to every applicant qualifying therefor a driver's license indicat-
 4 ing the type or class of vehicles the licensee may drive, which license shall
 5 bear, thereon a distinguishing number assigned to the licensee, the full
 6 name, date of birth, residence address, and a brief description of the
 7 licensee, and a space upon which the licensee shall write his usual signa-
 8 ture with pen and ink immediately upon receipt of the license. No license
 9 shall be valid until it has been so signed by the licensee.
 10 2. *The department may issue a driver's license for identification pur-*
 11 *poses only for use by a law enforcement agency in special investigations.*
 12 *An application for such a license shall be made through the head of the*
 13 *agency, or in the case of a federal agency, through its agent in charge.*
 14 *Such a license shall be exempt from the fees required by NRS 483.410.*
 15 3. *Information pertaining to the issuance of a driver's license under*
 16 *subsection 2 is confidential.*

S. B. 64

SENATE BILL NO. 64—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

JANUARY 29, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—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)



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

AN ACT relating to motor vehicle registration; prohibiting display or possession of registration or ownership document known to be invalid or operation of vehicle with an altered identification number or mark; providing penalties; 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 482.545 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 482.545 It shall be unlawful for any person to commit any of the fol-
- 3 lowing acts:
- 4 1. To operate, or for the owner thereof knowingly to permit the oper-
- 5 ation of, upon a highway any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer which
- 6 is not registered or which does not have attached thereto and displayed
- 7 thereon the number of plate or plates assigned thereto by the department
- 8 for the current registration period or calendar year, subject to the exemp-
- 9 tion allowed in NRS 482.320 to 482.355, inclusive, 482.385 to 482.395,
- 10 inclusive, and 482.420.
- 11 2. To display or cause or permit to be displayed or to have in pos-
- 12 session any registration [card or registration number plate] *certificate,*
- 13 *license plate, certificate of ownership or other document of title* knowing
- 14 the same to be fictitious or to have been canceled, revoked, suspended or
- 15 altered.
- 16 3. To lend to or knowingly permit the use of by one not entitled
- 17 thereto any registration card or registration number plate issued to the
- 18 person so lending or permitting the use thereof.
- 19 4. To fail or to refuse to surrender to the department, upon demand,
- 20 any registration card or registration number plate which has been sus-
- 21 pended, canceled or revoked as provided in this chapter.

S. B. 65**SENATE BILL NO. 65—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

JANUARY 29, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation**SUMMARY**—Changes date for certain special fuel dealers and users to file return and pay taxes. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 32-289)**EXPLANATION**—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to special fuel taxation; requiring certain dealers and users to file return and pay taxes by specified date.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 366.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 2 366.270 Whenever any person ceases to be a special fuel dealer or
 3 special fuel user within the state by reason of discontinuance, sale or
 4 transfer of the business of such person, such special fuel dealer or special
 5 fuel user shall:
- 6 1. Notify the department in writing at the time the discontinuance,
 7 sale or transfer takes effect. Such notice shall give the date of discontinu-
 8 ance and, in the event of a sale, the date thereof and the name and
 9 address of the purchaser or transferee thereof.
 - 10 2. **[Make a report and pay all such taxes, interest and penalties and**
 11 **surrender]** *Surrender* to the department the license certificate theretofore
 12 issued to such special fuel dealer or special fuel user by the department.
 - 13 3. *File a quarterly tax return and pay all taxes, interest and penalties*
 14 *pursuant to NRS 366.370 and 366.380, except that both the filing and*
 15 *payment shall be due on or before the 25th day of the month following*
 16 *the month of discontinuance, sale or transfer of the business.*
 - 17 4. Remove the special fuel vehicle identification from the vehicle if
 18 the vehicle passes from his control.

S. B. 66**SENATE BILL NO. 66—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

JANUARY 29, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—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)



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

AN ACT relating to vehicle registration; allowing the department of motor vehicles to assign a distinguishing number to any trailer with an obliterated identification number and to charge a fee for assigning and recording the number.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 482.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 2 482.290 1. The department is authorized to assign a distinguishing
 3 number to any motor vehicle *or trailer* whenever the vehicle identification
 4 number thereon [shall be] *has been* destroyed or obliterated, and any
 5 motor vehicle *or trailer* to which there [shall be] *is* assigned a distin-
 6 guishing number as authorized in this section shall be registered under
 7 such distinguishing number.
 8 2. The department shall collect a fee of \$2 for the assignment and
 9 recording of each such vehicle identification number.
 10 3. The number by which a motor vehicle *or trailer* is registered shall
 11 be permanently stamped or attached to the vehicle. Willful defacement,
 12 alteration, substitution, or removal of such a number with intent to
 13 defraud shall be a gross misdemeanor.

S. B. 67

SENATE BILL NO. 67—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

JANUARY 29, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Changes standard used to determine type of truck which may carry personalized license plates. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-280)

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

AN ACT relating to the licensing and registration of motor vehicles; changing the standard used to determine the type of truck which may carry personalized license plates.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 482.3667 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 482.3667 1. The department shall establish, design and otherwise
- 3 prepare for issue personalized prestige license plates and shall establish
- 4 all necessary procedures not inconsistent with this section for the applica-
- 5 tion and issuance of such license plates.
- 6 2. The department shall issue personalized prestige license plates,
- 7 upon payment of the prescribed fee, to any person who otherwise complies
- 8 with the laws relating to the registration and licensing of motor
- 9 vehicles or trailers for use on private passenger cars, trucks having [a
- 10 rated capacity of 1 ton] *an unladen weight of 6,000 pounds* or less, or
- 11 trailers.
- 12 3. Personalized prestige license plates shall be valid for 12 months
- 13 and are renewable upon expiration. These plates may be transferred from
- 14 one vehicle or trailer to another if the transfer and registration fees are
- 15 paid as set out in this chapter. Any person transferring plates shall be
- 16 allowed a 1/12 reduction in fees for each calendar month remaining
- 17 unused from the previous registration, applicable to the fees which are
- 18 for the registration year for which the plates are being transferred.
- 19 4. In case of any conflict, the person who first made application for
- 20 personalized prestige license plates and has continuously renewed them
- 21 by payment of the required fee shall have priority.
- 22 5. The department shall limit by regulation the number of letters
- 23 and figures used, may by regulation prohibit the use of inappropriate let-
- 24 ters or combinations, and shall not assign to any person not holding the
- 25 relevant office any letters and figures denoting that the holder holds a
- 26 public office.

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