

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday, March 10, 1975

The ninth meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee was brought to order on Monday, March 10, 1975 at 12:00 Noon.

Senator Helen Herr was in the Chair.

PRESENT WERE: Chairman Helen Herr
 Vice Chairman Warren Monroe
 Senator Richard Blakemore
 Senator Joe Neal
 Senator Mary Gojack
 Senator Jack Schofield

ABSENT: Senator William Raggio

ALSO PRESENT WERE: David Small, Attorney General (Highway)
 Grant Bastian, Highway Department
 Noel A. Clark, P.S.C.
 Bernie Smith, AAA
 Robert Guinn, Nev. Motor Trans. Ass'n.
 Howard Hill) DEPARTMENT
 James Lambert) OF
 John Ciardella) MOTOR
 V. Fletcher) VEHICLES

ACTION WAS THEN TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING BILLS:

AB 116 Amends provisions for display of lights on towed vehicle.

James Lambert testified as to the purpose of the bill: The purpose of this bill is to increase motorist safety through insuring proper and adequate lighting at all times on the rear of disabled vehicles being towed on a highway.

After short discussion, it was decided to hold the bill until March 12 so that Virgil Anderson of the American Automobile Association could be here to testify.

AB 119 Designates additional types of authorized emergency vehicles and provides for use of certain equipment.

James Lambert testified as to the purpose of the bill: The first purpose of this bill is to designate additional types of authorized emergency vehicles. The second purpose of the bill is to designate and authorize a flashing blue light, if operated simultaneously with a flashing red light, as an emergency vehicle

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light. Recent studies indicate under certain atmospheric conditions, a blue light is more effective than a red - both are effective under most all conditions. The third purpose of this bill is to designate the minimum distance a siren on an emergency vehicle must be audible. The fourth purpose of the bill is to restrict the use of flashing red and blue lights to emergency vehicles. The present law does not specifically prohibit the use of such.

Mr. Noel Clark of the Public Service Commission then testified by asking Mr. Lambert two questions: (1) Would this mean that PSC vehicles would have to install sirens on their specified emergency vehicles, and (2) Could he have on his personal car a red light to aide him when called out on an emergency during the middle of the night?

After further discussion, it was decided the Public Service Commission and the Department of Motor Vehicles would get together and present some amendments to the bill which would solve any problems between the agencies. They were to present these on the March 12th meeting, after which the Committee will take action on the bill.

SB 130

Requires emergency reflectors on tow cars and implements of husbandry. (See Attachment)*

James Lambert testified to the purpose of this bill. (See attachment).

There being no further witnesses,

Senator Monroe moved DO PASS.

Senator Neal 2nd the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

SB 132

Provides penalty of gross misdemeanor for falsifying certain documents under vehicle licensing and registration laws.*

John Ciardella testified as to the purpose of the bill. (See attachment.)

There being no further witnesses,

Senator Monroe moved DO PASS.

Senator Blakemore 2nd the motion

Motion carried unanimously.

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SB 197 Provides new formula for calculating axle weight limits for operation of vehicles on highways.

Grant Bastian of the Highway Department testified as to the purpose of the bill. He also proposed an amendment, (see attachment), which would be a new subsection - Specifically, subsection 7 of Section 1. (Inserted between lines 7 and 8 of page 2.

He also stated that there was a typographical error in the Formula in both SB 197 and SB 108. It should read $W=500 \left(\frac{LN}{(N-1)} + 12N + 36 \right)$.

There being no further testimony:

Senator Monroe moved AMEND AND DO PASS
Senator Blakemore seconded the motion.
Vote was: Senator Monroe.....aye
 Senator Blakemore....aye
 Senator Gojack.....nay
 Senator Neal.....nay
 Senator Herr.....aye

Senator Schofield had left the meeting earlier.
Motion did not pass because of lack of majority.

SB 108 Enacts the Multistate Highway Transportation Agreement.

Grant Bastian of the Highway Department testified as to the purpose of the bill. After a short discussion: regarding an amendment changing the formula as in SB197
Senator Monroe moved AMEND and DO PASS
Senator Blakemore seconded the motion.
Vote was: Senator Monroe.....aye
 Senator Blakemore....aye
 Senator Gojack.....nay
 Senator Neal.....nay
 Senator Herr.....aye

Motion did not pass because of lack of majority.

Chairman Herr then apologized to the Committee as she had just received word that SB 132 was in conflict with SB 64. She did have the necessary amendment to resolve this conflict. (See attached).

Senator Monroe moved to rescind his previous motion
Senator Gojack seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously.

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Senator Monroe then moved AMEND AND DO PASS
 Senator Blakemore seconded the motion
 Motion carried unanimously.

SB 217 Requires that driver's license bear a colored photograph of the licensee and increases license fees.

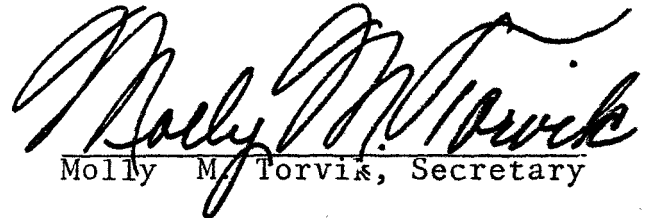
Chairman Herr asked the consensus of the Committee regarding SB 217.

After a short discussion it was decided that the bill should be amended to read "instant" license. Senator Monroe suggested the wording to read in Section 1, subsection 2, line 10: "...provide for an instant or over-the-counter type license...."

Senator Blakemore moved AMEND AND DO PASS.
 Senator Gojack seconded the motion.
 Motion carried unanimously and rereferred to Finance.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until Wednesday, March 12, 1975 at 12:00 Noon.

Respectfully submitted,


 Molly M. Torvik, Secretary

APPROVED:


 Chairman Helen Herr, Senator

PURPOSE:

S.B. 130 - EMERGENCY REFLECTOR REQUIREMENTS

THE PURPOSE OF THIS BILL IS TO:

1. REQUIRE IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY WHICH ARE 80 INCHES OR MORE IN WIDTH, WHEN MOVED UPON A HIGHWAY OF THIS STATE, TO BE EQUIPPED WITH EMERGENCY REFLECTORS.

AN IMPLEMENT OF HUSBANDRY WHICH BECOMES DISABLED ON A HIGHWAY AND CANNOT BE MOVED IS AS GREAT A HAZARD TO MOTORISTS AS IS ANY DISABLED BUS OR TRUCK.

2. AUTHORIZE THE USE OF FEDERALLY APPROVED EMERGENCY REFLECTORS WHICH ARE NOT NOW PERMITTED BY STATUTE.

3. REQUIRE TOW CARS TO BE EQUIPPED WITH THREE EMERGENCY REFLECTORS OR WARNING LIGHTS. THREE SUCH REFLECTORS WILL PERMIT THEIR BEING LOCATED AHEAD, TO THE REAR AND AT THE SITE, OF ANY EMERGENCY.

ALSO, 484.627 REQUIRES THREE. THIS AMENDMENT WILL MAKE THE TWO SECTIONS CONSISTENT.

SUMMARY - SB-132

Presently, the only penalty we have is under Chapter 482.436 and it states it is a gross misdemeanor for anyone to knowingly make false information on any certificate of ownership or furnish false information to the Department concerning security interests. However, it is too restrictive and we have too many areas which are not covered by this statutes; therefore, we have ask that this area be expanded and make amendment to NRS 482.555 as follows:

"In addition to any other penalty provided by this chapter, it shall be unlawful and constitute a misdemeanor of any person to violate any of the provisions of this chapter unless such violation is by this chapter or other law of this state declared to be a gross misdemeanor or a felony."

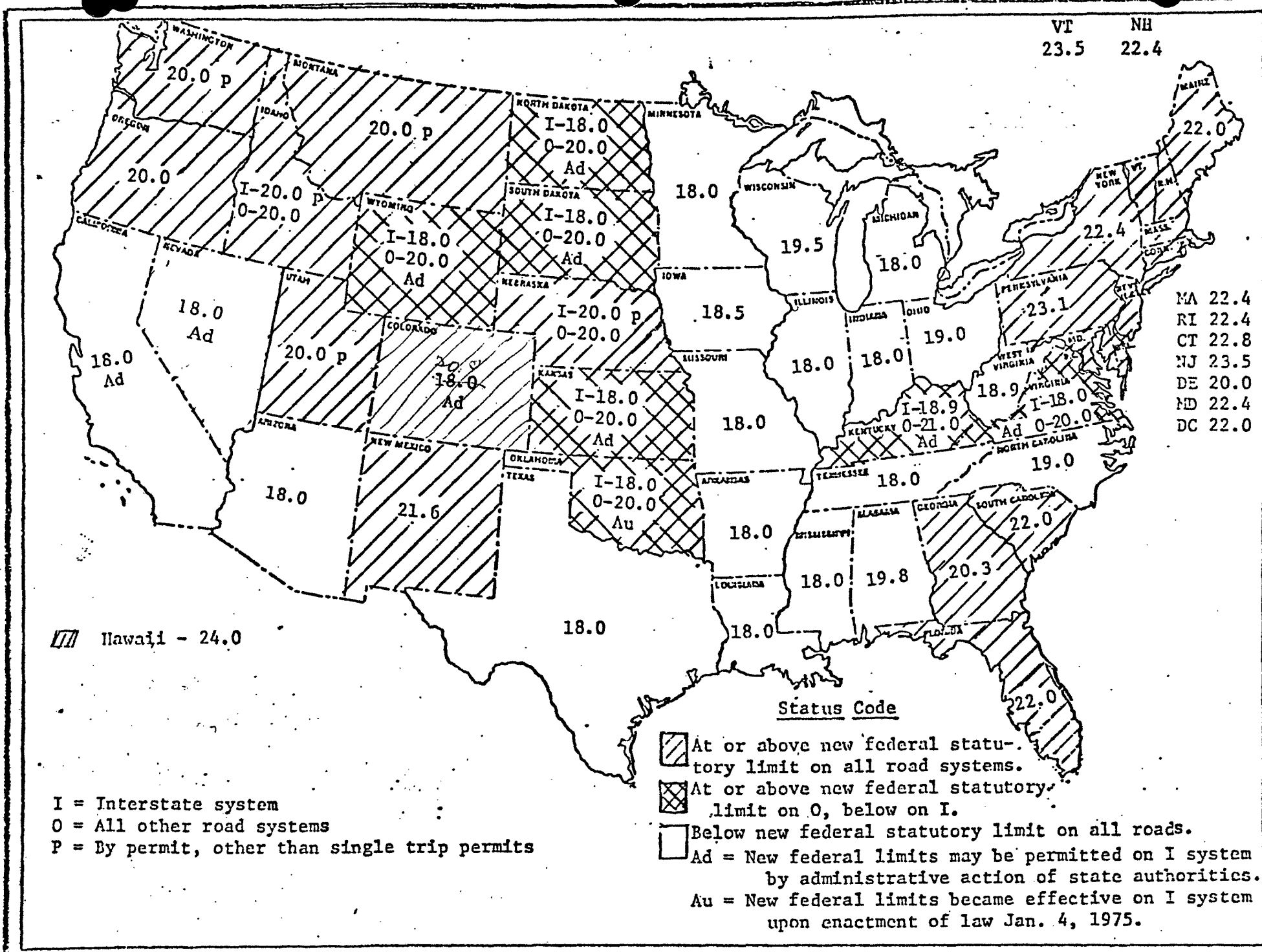
We have had many situations where an applicant for a license has falsified the application. They have made application for duplicate registration and ownership, knowing same to be a false statement. We have had dealers falsify a Dealer Report of Sale in an attempt to title a vehicle for double mortgaging. By making this a gross misdemeanor we feel this to be a good deterrent, and if we have to prosecute we will have the language and statute to prosecute on.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO S. B. 197

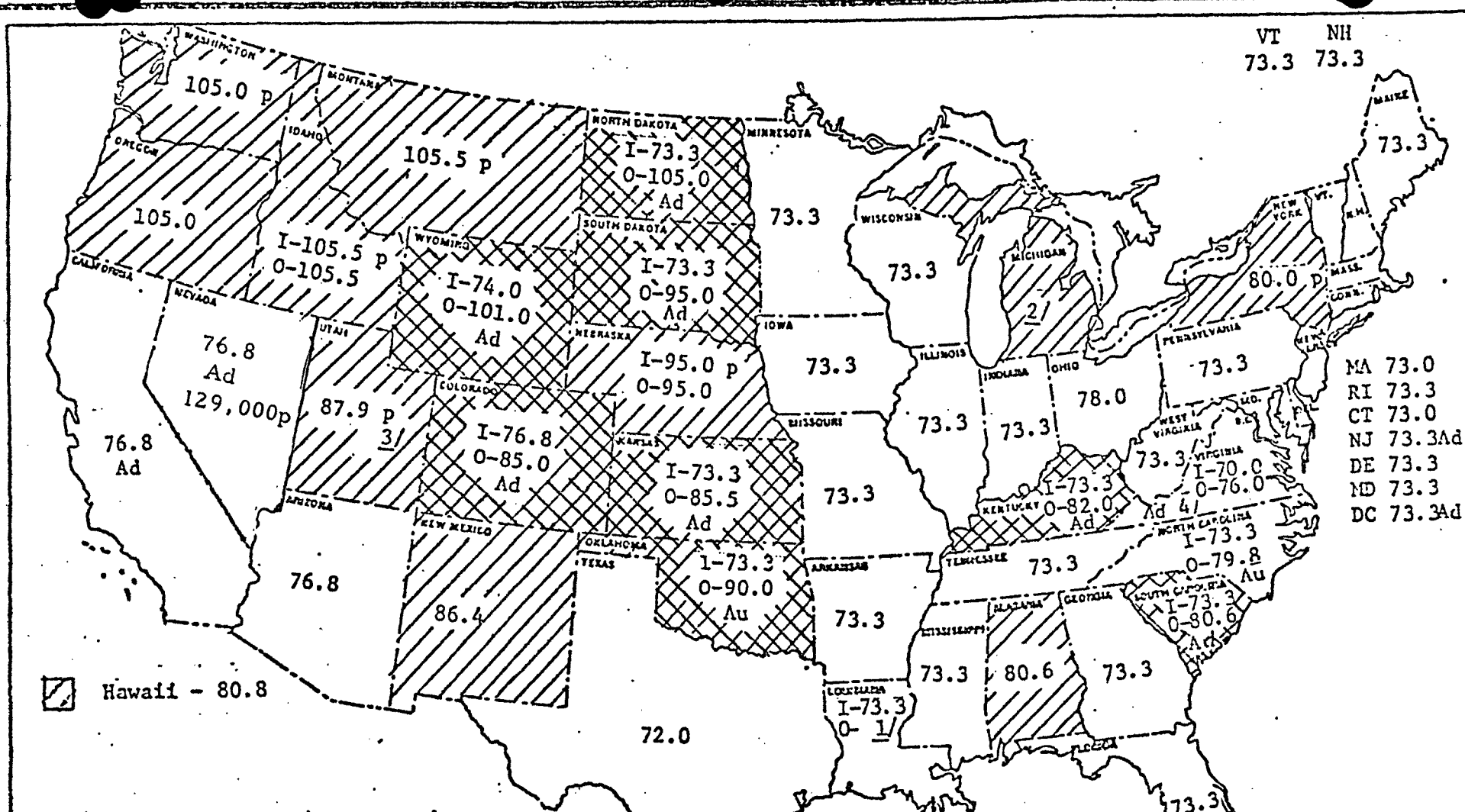
The department of highways, with respect to highways under its jurisdiction, and the governing bodies of cities and counties, with respect to roads under their jurisdiction, after determining that use by vehicles otherwise conforming with the maximum weight limits provided above is likely to cause substantial distress to any highway, road, or portion or structure thereof, may, by proper notice, fix a reduced maximum weight limit for vehicles which may pass over any such highway, road, or portion or structure thereof.

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Single Axle Load Limits in Thousands of Pounds (including tolerances) on Date of Passage and Status on date of Enactment of New Federal Weight Law (January 4, 1975)



Maximum Gross Weight Limits in Thousands of Pounds (including Tolerances) on Date of Passage and Status on Date of Enactment of New Federal Weight Law (January 4, 1975)



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MA 73.0
RI 73.3
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DE 73.3
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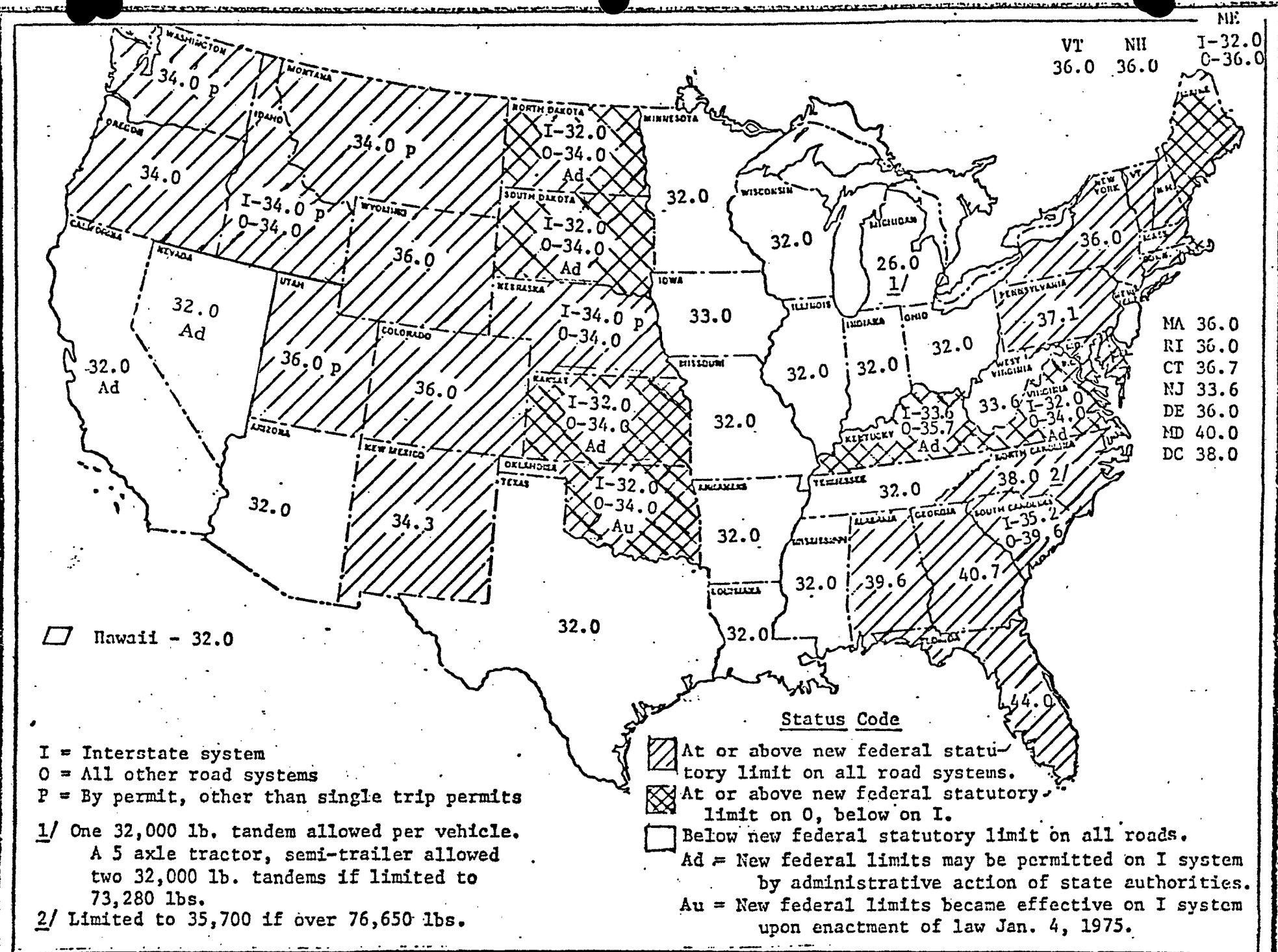
☐ Hawaii - 80.8

- I = Interstate system
 O = All other road systems
 P = By permit, other than single trip permits
- 1/ Determined by load on front axle but less than 80,000 lbs.
 - 2/ Sum of axles - except that 5 axle tractor, semi-trailer limited to 73,280 lbs.
 - 3/ 105,500 permitted on other highways with 18,000 lbs. single & 33,000 lbs. tandem axles
 - 4/ Limited to 76,000 lbs.

- Status Code
- ☐ At or above new federal statutory limit on all road systems.
 - ☒ Above new federal statutory limit on O, below on I.
 - ☐ Below new federal statutory limit on all roads.
- Ad = New federal limits may be permitted on I system by administrative action of state authorities.
 Au = New federal limits became effective on I system upon enactment of law Jan. 4, 1975.

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Tandem Axle Load Limits in Thousands of Pounds (including tolerances) on Date of Passage and Status on date of Enactment of New Federal Weight Law (January 4, 1975)



Senate Bill No. 132.

Bill read second time.

The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Transportation:

Amendment No. 4586.

Amend sec. 2, page 2, line 38, by deleting "card or registration number plate" and inserting: "certificate, license plate, certificate of ownership or other document of title".

Amend sec. 2, page 3, by inserting between lines 2 and 3:

"6. [To knowingly] *Knowingly* to operate a vehicle which has an altered vehicle identification number, serial number, motor number, other distinguishing number or identification mark required for registration purposes."

Amend the bill as a whole by adding a new section designated section 5, following section 4, to read as follows:

"Sec. 5. Section 2 of this act shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 1975."

Amend the title of the bill to read: "An Act relating to vehicles; providing a penalty and increasing the penalty for certain offenses; and providing other matters properly relating thereto."

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SENATE BILL NO. 130—COMMITTEE
ON TRANSPORTATION

JANUARY 30, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Requires emergency reflectors on tow cars and implements of husbandry. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-288)

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

AN ACT relating to vehicle equipment; adding requirements for emergency reflectors and certain other equipment on tow cars and implements of husbandry; providing additional specifications for emergency reflectors; 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 484.627 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 2 484.627 1. Every bus, truck and truck-tractor and every combina-
 3 tion of vehicles 80 inches or more in overall width [, except implements
 4 of husbandry,] shall be equipped with at least three pot torches, three red
 5 electric lanterns, [or] three red emergency reflectors [.] *or three tri-*
 6 *angular yellow-orange reflectors with dark red reflective borders, as speci-*
 7 *fied in the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) standard J943.*
 8 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3, 4 and 5, when any
 9 such vehicle is disabled on any portion of the traveled portion of a high-
 10 way during any time specified in NRS 484.545, such torches, lanterns or
 11 reflectors shall be placed as soon as possible as follows:
 12 (a) One at the traffic side of the vehicle, not more than 10 feet to the
 13 front or rear thereof;
 14 (b) One at a distance of approximately 100 feet to the rear of the dis-
 15 abled vehicle in the center of the traffic lane occupied by such vehicle; and
 16 (c) One at a distance of approximately 100 feet to the front of the
 17 vehicle in the center of the traffic lane occupied by such vehicle.
 18 3. If the vehicle is disabled within 500 feet of a curve, crest of a hill
 19 or other obstruction to view, the torch, lantern or reflector to be placed in
 20 that direction shall be placed so as to afford ample warning to other users
 21 of the highway, but not less than 100 feet or more than 500 feet from the
 22 vehicle.

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S. B. 132**SENATE BILL NO. 132—COMMITTEE
ON TRANSPORTATION**

JANUARY 30, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Provides penalty of gross misdemeanor for falsifying certain documents under vehicle licensing and registration laws. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-282)

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

AN ACT relating to vehicle licensing and registration; providing the penalty of gross misdemeanor for falsifying certain documents; 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 482.362 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 2 482.362 1. No person shall engage in the activity of a vehicle, trailer
 3 or semitrailer salesman in the State of Nevada without first having received
 4 a license from the department. Before issuing a license to engage in the
 5 activity of a salesman, the department shall require:
 6 (a) An application, signed and verified by the applicant, stating that the
 7 applicant is to engage in the activity of a salesman, his residence address,
 8 and the name and address of his employer.
 9 (b) Proof of the employment of such applicant by a licensed and
 10 bonded vehicle dealer, trailer or semitrailer dealer or rebuilder at the time
 11 such application is filed.
 12 (c) A statement as to whether any previous application of the applicant
 13 has been denied or license revoked.
 14 (d) Payment of a license fee of \$5 per year. Such licenses shall expire
 15 on December 31 of each calendar year.
 16 (e) Such other information as the department may deem necessary.
 17 2. A salesman's license may be denied or revoked upon the following
 18 grounds:
 19 (a) Failure of the applicant to establish by proof satisfactory to the
 20 department that he is employed by a licensed and bonded vehicle dealer,
 21 trailer dealer or semitrailer dealer or rebuilder.
 22 (b) Conviction of a felony.
 23 (c) Conviction of a misdemeanor for violation of any of the provisions
 24 of this chapter.

S. B. 217

SENATE BILL NO. 217—COMMITTEE
ON TRANSPORTATION

FEBRUARY 18, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Requires that driver's license bear a colored photograph of the licensee and increases license fees. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-932)

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

AN ACT relating to drivers' licenses; requiring that a driver's license bear a colored photograph of the licensee; increasing the license fees; authorizing the department to retain the increase; 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 483.347 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 2 483.347 1. [The department may, upon being satisfied that it is
 3 feasible, produce a driver's license, bearing a colored photograph of the
 4 licensee.
 5 2. If a changeover to this style of license is feasible, it shall not
 6 become effective until the department has:
 7 (a) Established] *On or after January 1, 1976, the department shall*
 8 *issue a driver's license which bears a colored photograph of the licensee.*
 9 2. *The department shall:*
 10 (a) *Establish* a uniform procedure for the production of such licenses,
 11 applicable to renewal as well as to original licenses.
 12 (b) [Determined the costs of such production.
 13 (c) Adjusted the fees provided in NRS 483.410, up to a maximum
 14 of 50 cents, if such adjustment is essential to recover additional costs
 15 which may be incurred in any such changeover and to that extent only.
 16 3. If the department finds that implementation is not feasible before
 17 the convening of the 57th session of the Nevada legislature, the depart-
 18 ment shall report in detail its findings to the 57th session of the legisla-
 19 ture.] *Increase the fees provided in NRS 483.410 by an amount up*
 20 *to \$1.*
 21 SEC. 2. NRS 483.410 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 22 483.410 1. For every driver's license issued and service performed
 23 the following fees shall be charged:

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