

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday, March 12, 1975

The tenth meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee was brought to order on Wednesday, March 12, 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 William Raggio
Senator Jack Schofield

ABSENT WERE: Senator Mary Gojack

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Virgil Anderson, A.A.A.
Darryl Capurro, Nev. Motor Trans. Ass'n.
Bill Shewan, Highway Department
John Ciardella) DEPARTMENT
Howard Hill) OF
V. Fletcher) MOTOR
James Lambert) VEHICLES
Dorothy Anderson, Anderson Automotive

ACTION WAS THEN TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING BILLS:

SB 257 Provides for permit to move certain vehicles under specified circumstances. *

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

After some questions asked by Darryl Capurro clarifying some points:

Senator Monroe moved DO PASS.
Senator Schofield seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

AB 149 Exempts certain license plates from duplicate or substitute plate fee and clarifies fee requirements for substitute certificates, decals and plates. *

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

There was lengthy discussion as to the meaning of this piece of legislation, after which:

Senator Schofield moved DO PASS
Senator Monroe seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously.

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AB 154 Increases minimum gross weight and otherwise revises brake equipment requirements for trailers and other vehicles. *

James Lambert, DMV, testified as to the purpose of this bill. (See attached.) After short discussion:

Senator Schofield moved DO PASS.
 Senator Monroe seconded the motion.
 Motion passed unanimously.

AB 233 Restricts use of studded tires.*

Mr. Bill Shewan of the Nevada Highway Department testified as to the purpose of this bill. There was some discussion relating to the length of time that snow tires with studs should be allowed on the highways.

An amendment was proposed to change, on line 20 of Page 1, the dates "between September 1 and April 30" to read "between October 1 and March 31."

Senator Schofield moved Amend and DO PASS
 Senator Monroe seconded the motion.
 Senator Schofield voted aye
 Senator Monroe voted aye
 Senator Blakemore voted nay
 Senator Neal voted nay
 Senator Herr voted nay
 Motion was defeated.

After further discussion, and new amendment, same passage, to read: "October 1 and April 31."

Senator Schofield moved AMEND AND DO PASS
 Senator Monroe seconded the motion.
 Motion carried with all voting aye except for Senator Neal who voted nay.

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

As James Lambert had already given the purpose of this bill (See Minutes of Meeting, March 10 - also see attachment,) Chairman Herr asked if there was anyone else present who wished to testify?

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AB 116 (Continued)

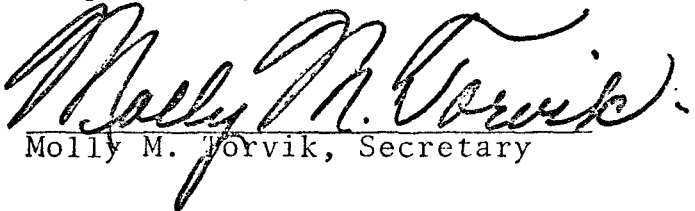
Virgil Anderson and Mrs. Dorothy Anderson along with Senator Blakemore proposed an amendment to the measure. After explanation as to the purpose of the amendment there was lengthy discussion between the members of the Committee, the Department of Motor Vehicles, Mr. Darryl Capurro and those testifying:

Senator Neal then moved DO PASS WITH NO AMENDMENT. Senator Schofield seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting aye except for Senator Blakemore who voted nay.

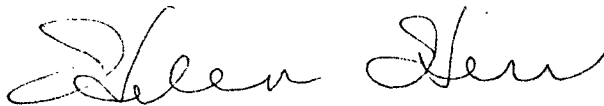
Senator Herr then announced that SB 119 would be heard at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. until Monday, March 17 at 1:00 p.m. where SB 119, and SB 191 would be heard.

Respectfully submitted,


Molly M. Torvik, Secretary

APPROVED:



Senator Helen Herr, Chairman

SUMMARY - SB-257

This bill provides for a short term permit to move certain unlicensed vehicles for licensing and registration purposes.

In many areas of the state, the customers have to be sent to an authorized Emission Inspection Station or Weigh Standards to insure that the Emission Control devices are operating correctly, and if a truck, a certified weight certificate must be presented before the vehicle can be registered.

There has been a problem with law enforcement concerning the vehicle being operated without plates or registration. The permit will correct this problem.

S. B. 257**SENATE BILL NO. 257—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

FEBRUARY 25, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Provides for permit to move certain vehicles under specified circumstances. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-281)

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

AN ACT relating to vehicle licensing and registration; providing for a free short-term permit to move certain unregistered vehicles for licensing and registration purposes.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 482 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section which shall read as follows:
3 1. *A Nevada resident who has purchased from a person who is not*
4 *a dealer a vehicle which is:*
5 (a) *A used, unregistered passenger car or truck weighing 6,000 pounds*
6 *or less; and*
7 (b) *Not subject to the provisions of NRS 482.390, 482.395 and 706.-*
8 *801 to 706.861, inclusive,*
9 *may apply to the department for a permit to move the vehicle within*
10 *Nevada for the purpose of registering and licensing it in this state.*
11 2. *The department may issue the permit free of charge and only after*
12 *presentation of a certificate of ownership or other document of title for*
13 *the vehicle, properly endorsed, or a statement as provided in paragraph*
14 *(b) of subsection 2 of NRS 482.426.*
15 3. *Each permit shall:*
16 (a) *Bear the date of issuance in numerals of sufficient size to be plainly*
17 *readable from a reasonable distance during daylight;*
18 (b) *Expire at 5 p.m. on the day of issuance;*
19 (c) *Be affixed to the vehicle in the manner prescribed by the depart-*
20 *ment; and*
21 (d) *Be removed and destroyed upon its expiration or the issuance of*
22 *a new permit or a certificate of registration, for the vehicle, whichever*
23 *occurs first.*

SUMMARY ON AB-149

Our Attorney General advises that if we are to re-issue license plates which have already been issued, we would be in conflict with the Personalized license plate law inasmuch as they pay \$25.00 for plates and these plates would be issued without the \$25.00 fee.

Essentially, the bill would allow us to prepare duplicate plates to holders of special state offices set forth by Nevada law without any additional fees inasmuch as the plates would be provided free of charge to the office holders. These plates which will be issued free of charge would be these plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.368, 482.370, 482.373, 482.374. All other special plates would be assessed \$2.00 fee for replacement.

All regular issue license plates would be subplated and they too would pay \$2.00 subplate fee. If this language is not corrected and we would have to issue duplicate plates of existing codes, it is conceivable it could cost \$40,000 in material to manufacture all of these plates. It must be noted in 1969 when we started producing plates on the older codes, material on license plates was guaranteed for 5 years by the suppliers of reflective sheeting.

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A. B. 149

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 149—COMMITTEE
ON TRANSPORTATION

JANUARY 30, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Exempts certain license plates from duplicate or substitute plate fee and clarifies fee requirements for substitute certificates, decals and plates. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-279)



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

AN ACT relating to vehicle licensing; exempting certain plates from the duplicate plate fee; and clarifying requirements for substitute and duplicate certificates, decals and plates.

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

1 SECTION 1. NRS 482.285 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 482.285 1. If any [number plate or] certificate of registration or cer-
3 tificate of ownership [shall be] is lost, mutilated or [shall have become]
4 illegible, the person to whom [the same shall have been] it was issued
5 shall immediately make application for and obtain a duplicate or substi-
6 tute therefor upon furnishing information of such fact satisfactory to
7 the department and upon payment of the required fees.

8 2. *If any special license plate or plates issued pursuant to NRS*
9 *482.368, 482.370, 482.373 or 482.374 are lost, mutilated or illegible, the*
10 *person to whom such plate or plates were issued shall immediately make*
11 *application for and obtain a duplicate license plate or plates.*

12 3. *If any license plate or plates, other than those provided for in sub-*
13 *section 2, or any decal is lost, mutilated or illegible, the person to whom it*
14 *was issued shall immediately make application for and obtain a substitute*
15 *therefor upon:*

16 (a) *Furnishing information of such fact satisfactory to the department;*
17 *and*

18 (b) *Payment of the fees required by NRS 482.500.*

19 SEC. 2. NRS 482.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:
20 482.500 [Whenever] 1. *Except as provided in subsection 2, when-*
21 *ever any duplicate or substitute certificate of registration or ownership,*

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THE PURPOSE OF THIS BILL IS TO PROVIDE FOR A "GRANDFATHER" CLAUSE FOR TRAILERS BETWEEN 3,000 POUNDS AND 1,500 POUNDS GROSS WEIGHT.

IN 1971, THIS SECTION WAS AMENDED FROM THE 3,000 POUND GROSS WEIGHT REQUIREMENT FOR BRAKES ON TRAILERS TO 1,500 POUNDS GROSS WEIGHT. HOWEVER, NO PROVISION WAS MADE FOR TRAILERS ORIGINALLY MANUFACTURED WITHOUT BRAKES PRIOR TO THE NEW 1,500 POUND REQUIREMENT.

BORDER STATES, GENERALLY, EITHER HAVE THE 1,500 LB. MAXIMUM ON NEW VEHICLES OR REQUIRE BRAKES ON ALL WHEELS.

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A. B. 154

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 154—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

JANUARY 30, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Increases minimum gross weight and otherwise revises brake equipment requirements for trailers and other vehicles. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-320)



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

AN ACT relating to equipment of vehicles; increasing the minimum gross weight and otherwise revising brake equipment requirements for trailers and other vehicles; 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 484.593 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 484.593 1. Every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, *house trailer* and
- 3 pole trailer, and any combination of such vehicles operating upon a high-
- 4 way shall be equipped with brakes in compliance with the requirements of
- 5 this chapter.
- 6 2. Every such vehicle and combination of vehicles, except:
- 7 (a) Special mobile equipment towed by a motor vehicle at a speed of
- 8 20 miles per hour or less;
- 9 (b) Trailers, semitrailers and house trailers [under 1,500 pounds gross
- 10 weight,] *having a gross weight of 3,000 pounds or less*, except as pro-
- 11 vided in subsection 6; and
- 12 (c) Pole dollies when used in the transportation of poles at a speed of
- 13 20 miles per hour or less by a public utility or agency engaged in the busi-
- 14 ness of supplying electricity or telephone service, when such transporta-
- 15 tion is between storage yards or between a storage yard and a job location
- 16 where such poles are to be used,
- 17 shall be equipped with service brakes complying with the performance
- 18 requirements of NRS 484.595 and adequate to control the movement of
- 19 and to stop and hold such vehicle under all conditions of loading, and on
- 20 any grade incident to its operation.
- 21 3. Every such vehicle and combination of vehicles, except motorcy-
- 22 cles, shall be equipped with parking brakes adequate to hold the vehicle
- 23 or combination of vehicles on any grade on which it is operated, under

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A. B. 233

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 233—ASSEMBLYMEN MELLO, HOWARD, DINI, GETTO, MURPHY, WEISE, WITTENBERG, CHRISTENSEN, MOODY, COULTER, BENKOVICH, BARENGO, YOUNG AND HEANEY

FEBRUARY 7, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Restricts use of studded tires. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-407)



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

AN ACT relating to motor vehicle equipment; restricting the use of studded tires; 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. Chapter 484 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
- 2 thereto a new section which shall read as follows:
- 3 1. *Except as provided in subsection 2, a person shall not operate*
- 4 *any motor vehicle equipped with tires which have on the periphery any*
- 5 *block, flange, cleat, ridge, bead or any other protuberance of metal or*
- 6 *wood which projects beyond the thread of the traction surface of the tire.*
- 7 2. *This section does not prohibit:*
- 8 (a) *Tire chains.*
- 9 (b) *Pneumatic tires which have embedded therein wire not exceeding*
- 10 *0.075 inch in diameter and which are so constructed that under no condi-*
- 11 *tions will the percentage of metal in contact with the roadway exceed 5*
- 12 *percent of the total tire area in contact with the roadway, except that dur-*
- 13 *ing the first 1,000 miles of use, the metal in contact with the roadway may*
- 14 *exceed 5 percent of the tire area in contact with the roadway but shall in*
- 15 *no event exceed 20 percent of such area.*
- 16 (c) *Pneumatic tires containing metal-type studs of tungsten carbide or*
- 17 *other suitable material which are so inserted or constructed that under no*
- 18 *conditions will the percentage of metal in contact with the roadway*
- 19 *exceed 3 percent of the total tire area in contact with the roadway, but*
- 20 *such tires may only be used between October 1 and April 30.*
- 21 (d) *The operation of vehicles upon unimproved roadways when neces-*
- 22 *sary in the construction or repair of highways.*

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A.B. 116

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.

A. B. 116**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 116—COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION**

JANUARY 29, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

**SUMMARY—Amends provisions for display of lights on towed vehicle.
Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-327)****EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is
material to be omitted.****AN ACT relating to equipment of vehicles; requiring use of portable lamps
on towed vehicle in daylight as well as darkness.***The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly,
do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 484.637 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 2 484.637 1. Tow cars used to tow vehicles shall be equipped with and
 3 carry a rear lamp, a stop lamp and a portable electric extension cord for
 4 use in displaying the lamp on the rear of the disabled vehicle.
 5 2. Whenever a disabled vehicle is towed, **[during darkness and the**
 6 **rear lamp of the disabled vehicle cannot be lighted,]** the tow car operator
 7 shall connect and display such lamps, or a combination of them, on the
 8 rear of the disabled vehicle by means of the extension cord.