

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday, March 19, 1975

The twelfth meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee was held on Wednesday, March 19, 1975, at 12:00 Noon in Room #345 of the Legislative Building.

Senator Helen Herr was in the Chair.

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

ALSO PRESENT: William Burkett, Western Scooter Dist.
Robert F. Guinn, NMTA-NFADA
Bob Alkire, Kennecott Nevada Mining Assn.
Grant Bastian, Highway Department
James McGee, Highway Department
Howard Hill, Department of Motor Vehicles
V. R. Fletcher, "
John Ciardella, "
James Lambert, Nevada Highway Patrol
Richard DeWitt, Press

ACTION WAS THEN TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING BILLS:

Chairman Herr asked for a motion to introduce a proposed bill from the Highway Department.

Senator Blakemore moved the bill be introduced.
Senator Monroe seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Herr asked for the consensus of the Committee regarding AB 233. The Assembly did not concur with our amendment which changed the date from September 1 to October 1. The committee felt that we should stick to our amendment as we should keep the studded tires off the highway as long as possible.

Senator Monroe moved not to rescind the amendment.
Senator Raggio seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

SB 197 and SB 108 (SEE MINUTES OF MARCH 10)

Senator Monroe moved to RESCIND ACTION AND RECONSIDER
Senator Blakemore seconded the motion.
Motion passed with all voting aye except Senator Neal who voted nay.

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SB 197 and SB 108 (Continued)

Senator Herr then asked if there was any further testimony regarding these two measures.

Robert Guinn of the Nevada Motor Transport Association read letters from the City of Las Vegas and the Nevada Society of Professional Engineers, who both recommended passage of these two bills. Grant Bastian and Robert Alkire of Kennecott then testified that the Highway Department and the Nevada Mining Association were both in favor of the measures.

Mr. Guinn went over the purposes of the measures and after short discussion:

Senator Monroe moved DO PASS WITH AMENDMENTS ON SB 197.
Seconded by Senator Schofield.

Motion passed by all voting aye except Senators Neal and Gojack who voted nay.

Senator Monroe moved DO PASS WITH AMENDMENTS ON SB 108.
Senator Schofield seconded the motion

Motion passed by all voting aye except Senators Neal and Gojack, who voted nay and Senator Raggio recording as not voting.

Senator Neal then stated that he would file a minority report.

SB 295 Substitutes multiple trip-limited time permit for annual or continuous permit to operate or move certain vehicles.

Robert Guinn testified as to the purpose of this bill. Senator Monroe offered some amendments which were:

1. Section 2, subsection 3, page 4, line 40 - omit entire subsection.
2. Remove brackets around the word "continuous" on line 39, page 4, section 2, subsection 2; line 45, page 4, section 3, subsection 1; the words "any continuous" on line 45, page 4, section 3, subsection 1 and omitting the word "the" after "any continuous" on the same line, page and section; omitting brackets around "continuous" on page 5, section 3, subsection 2, line 3, and line 9, and omitting brackets around "such continuous" on page 5, section 3, subsection 2, lines 6 and 7 and omitting the word "the" after each of the words "such continuous", same page, same section and subsection.

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3. Adding the word "or" between the words "continuous" and "multiple trip-limited time" on line 39, section 2, subsection 2; line 45, section 3, subsection 1, of page 4; and, on page 5, line 3, section 3, subsection 2 and line 9, section 3, subsection 2, plus on line 20, section 4, subsection 2. The brackets around "continuous" to be also omitted on page 5, line 20, section 4, subsection 2.

Senator Monroe then moved DO PASS WITH AMENDMENTS.
Senator Gojack seconded the motion
Motion passed with all voting aye except Senator Neal who voted nay.

SB 308 Requires payment of fee for permit to operate flashing amber lights on certain vehicles.

James Lambert of the Nevada Highway Patrol testified as to the purpose of this bill. (SEE ATTACHMENT)

After short discussion it was decided that the bill should be held for possible amendment which would be made on AB 122. It would therefore be necessary to amend SB 308 in the following manner:

Section 1, Page 1, lines 22 and 23: Eliminate "state highway fund". Replace with "motor vehicle fund". It would then read "to the motor vehicle fund".
(SEE ATTACHED LETTER FROM JOHN CROSSLEY, CPA - Legislative Counsel Bureau.)

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.

Mr. William Burkett of Western Scooter Distributors in San Francisco testified on the use of "Mopeds". He stated that these vehicles were limited on both speed and weight, (30 m.p.h. or less and 50cc's or less). These vehicles also met all of the Federal Safety standards and requirements. These vehicles are becoming more popular because the "bicycle with the attached motor" has been an answer to (1) Pollution (both air and noise), (2) traffic congestion, (3) gas mileage, (4) parking problems, and (5) health (in that you only use the motor as a supplement and peddle the vehicle generally.)

A general definition of the vehicle is "a two-wheeled vehicle, equipped with a thermal motor for propulsion,

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characterized in that the maximum piston displacement is 50 cc. and in that the maximum speed does not exceed 30 m.p.h. when newly built."

John Ciardella and James Lambert of the Department of Motor Vehicles then testified. The bill could be in conflict with present NRS. First, we register all motored vehicle which is used on the roads or highways. Any driver of any such vehicle must also have a driver's license which is restricted to applicants who are 16 years of age or older. We have to classify these vehicles the same as we do motorcycles, which could mean they would come under the mandatory helmet law. Our laws mandate certain equipment requirements, one being, all vehicles must have a turn signal. If we could register these vehicles and license their drivers under the present laws, there will be no problems with the measure, but if any amendments exempting motorized bicycles are made, it will be in conflict with present laws.

After further discussion, it was decided that we would hold this bill until Monday, March 24th, when further testimony could be taken and in the mean while the Department of Motor Vehicles could check the legal implications and make necessary amendments.

AB 128 Requires staggered registration of certain vehicles.

John Ciardella of the Department of Motor Vehicles testified as to the purpose of the bill. Allows us to give staggered registration on travel trailers which would be of benefit to travel trailer owners since the to register on a staggered basis instead of a set date which might interfere with vacations.

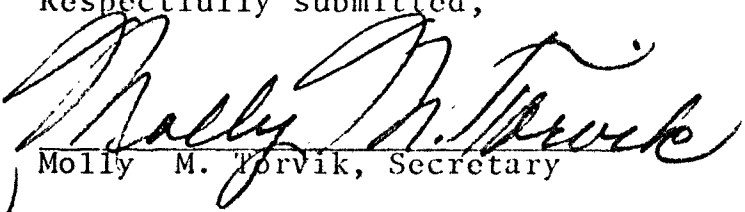
Senator Raggio moved DO PASS.
Senator Schofield seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned until Monday, March 24th at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:


Senator Helen Herr, Chairman


Molly M. Torvik, Secretary

PURPOSE:

TO REIMBURSE THE HIGHWAY FUND FOR COSTS INCURRED IN ISSUING
AMBER LIGHT PERMITS. NRS 484.579.

- COSTS INCURRED:
1. PRINTING - APPLICATIONS & LICENSES →
 2. INSPECTING VEHICLES
 3. MAILING - APPLICATIONS & LICENSES

← ALL COSTS ARE NOW BORNE BY THE HIGHWAY FUND WITH NO ENUMERATION.

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March 11, 1975

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Dear Leonard:

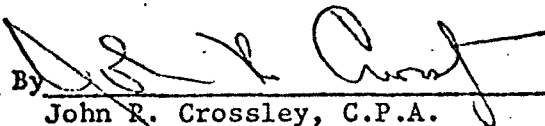
As discussed, we are suggesting the following amendment for you to make to SB 308.

Section 1, Page 1, Lines 22 and 23:

Eliminate "state highway fund". Replace with "motor vehicle fund". It would then read "to the motor vehicle fund".

Sincerely yours,

EARL T. OLIVER, C.P.A.
LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR

By 
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ETO:JRC:mn

SENATE BILL 108—SENATOR MONROE

JANUARY 30, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Enacts the Multistate Highway Transportation Agreement.
Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-684)

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

AN ACT to enact the Multistate Highway Transportation Agreement; making the director of the department of motor vehicles the designated representative of the state; 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. Title 43 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
2 new chapter to consist of the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of
3 this act.

4 SEC. 2. The Multistate Highway Transportation Agreement is hereby
5 enacted into law and entered into with all jurisdictions legally joining
6 therein, in the form substantially as follows:
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8 ARTICLE I Findings and Purposes
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10 Section 1. Findings. The participating jurisdictions find that:

11 (a) The expanding regional economy depends on expanding transpor-
12 tation capacity;

13 (b) Highway transportation is the major mode for movement of people
14 and goods in the western states;

15 (c) Uniform application in the west of more adequate vehicle size and
16 weight standards will result in a reduction of pollution, congestion, fuel
17 consumption and related transportation costs, which are necessary to per-
18 mit increased productivity;

19 (d) A number of western states have already, to the fullest extent pos-
20 sible, adopted substantially the 1964 Bureau of Public Roads recom-
21 mended vehicle size and weight standards;

22 (e) The 1956 provision of federal law, (23 U.S.C. 127), though long
23 outmoded, remains in effect depriving states of interstate matching
24 money if vehicle weights and widths are increased, even though the Inter-
25 state System is more than 80 percent complete; and

S. B. 197

SENATE BILL NO. 197—SENATOR MONROE

FEBRUARY 14, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Provides new formula for calculating axle weight limits for operation of vehicles on highways. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-939)

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

AN ACT relating to traffic laws; providing new formula for calculating gross weight on any group of two or more consecutive axles; providing maximum weights; defining terms; 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 484.745 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 2 484.745 Except as provided in NRS 484.753, no vehicle shall be
 3 operated or moved upon any public highway, except upon the following
 4 conditions:
 5 1. The maximum weight on any single axle shall not exceed [18,-
 6 000] 20,000 pounds.
 7 2. [Every vehicle, whether operated singly or in a combination of
 8 vehicles, and every combination of vehicles must comply with both NRS
 9 484.747 and 484.749.] *The maximum weight on any tandem axle shall*
 10 *not exceed 34,000 pounds.*
 11 3. *Except as provided in subsection 4, the maximum overall gross*
 12 *weight of any group of two or more consecutive axles shall not exceed the*
 13 *values set forth in the following formula: $W = 500 (LN/N-1 + 12N +$*
 14 *36) wherein:*
 15 (a) *W equals the maximum load in pounds carried on any group of two*
 16 *or more consecutive axles;*
 17 (b) *L equals the distance in feet between the extremes of any group*
 18 *of two or more consecutive axles; and*
 19 (c) *N equals the number of axles in the group under consideration.*
 20 4. *Two consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross load of*
 21 *34,000 pounds each if the distance between the first and last axles of such*
 22 *consecutive sets of axles is 36 feet or more.*
 23 5. *For the purpose of this section "tandem axle" means any two or*
 24 *more consecutive axles whose centers are more than 40 inches but not*
 25 *more than 96 inches apart and are individually attached to or articulated*

S. B. 295

**SENATE BILL NO. 295—COMMITTEE
ON TRANSPORTATION**

MARCH 4, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Substitutes multiple trip-limited time permit for annual or continuous permit to operate or move certain vehicles. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-982)



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

AN ACT relating to traffic laws; substituting a multiple trip-limited time permit for an annual or continuous permit to operate or move certain vehicles; providing for fees and 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 484.759 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 484.759 1. As used in this section "special mobile equipment" means
- 3 a vehicle, not self-propelled, not designed or used primarily for the trans-
- 4 portation of persons or property, and only incidentally operated or moved
- 5 over a highway, excepting implements of husbandry.
- 6 2. The department of highways with respect to highways under its
- 7 jurisdiction and governing bodies of cities and counties with respect to
- 8 roads under their jurisdiction may, in their discretion, upon application in
- 9 writing, authorize the applicant to operate or move a vehicle, combination
- 10 of vehicles, special mobile equipment, or load thereon of a size or weight
- 11 exceeding the legal maximum, or to use corrugations on the periphery of
- 12 the movable tracks on a traction engine or tractor, the propulsive power
- 13 of which is not exerted through wheels resting on the roadway but by
- 14 means of a flexible band or chain, or, under emergency conditions, to
- 15 operate or move a type of vehicle otherwise prohibited by law, upon any
- 16 highway under the jurisdiction of such department or governing body
- 17 granting such permit.
- 18 3. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the legal maximum
- 19 width of any vehicle, combination of vehicles, special mobile equipment,
- 20 or load thereon shall not exceed 96 inches.
- 21 4. If a vehicle is equipped with pneumatic tires, the maximum width
- 22 from the outside of one wheel and tire to the outside of the opposite
- 23 outer wheel and tire shall not exceed 102 inches, but in such event the
- 24 outside width of the body of such vehicle or the load thereon shall not
- 25 exceed 96 inches.

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S. B. 308

**SENATE BILL NO. 308—COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION**

MARCH 6, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Requires payment of fee for permit to operate flashing amber lights on certain vehicles. Fiscal Note: Yes. (BDR 43-287)



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

AN ACT permitting the state highway patrol to charge an annual fee for the issuance of a permit for the operation of flashing amber lights on certain 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 484.579 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 484.579 1. The Nevada highway patrol, upon written application,
3 shall issue a permit for the operation of a flashing amber light for the fol-
4 lowing:
5 [1.] (a) Public utility vehicles.
6 [2.] (b) Tow trucks.
7 [3.] (c) Vehicles engaged in activities which create a public hazard
8 upon the streets or highways.
9 [4.] (d) Vehicles of coroners and their deputies.
10 [5.] (e) Vehicles of Civil Air Patrol rescue units.
11 [6.] (f) Vehicles of authorized sheriffs' jeep squadrons.
12 2. *Such permits expire on June 30 of each calendar year.*
13 3. *The Nevada highway patrol shall charge and collect the following*
14 *fees for the issuance of a permit for the operation of a flashing amber*
15 *light:*
16 (a) *Permit for a single vehicle..... \$2*
17 (b) *Blanket permit for more than 5 but less than 15 vehicles..... 12*
18 (c) *Blanket permit for 15 vehicles or more..... 24*
19 4. *Subsection 3 does not apply to an agency of any state or political*
20 *subdivision thereof, or to an agency of the United States Government.*
21 5. *All fees collected by the Nevada highway patrol pursuant to this*
22 *section shall be deposited with the state treasurer for credit to the state*
23 *highway fund.*

SENATE BILL NO. 174—SENATOR MONROE

FEBRUARY 10, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—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. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-401)

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

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; exempting motor-assisted bicycles from registration and driver's license requirements; providing for the application of traffic laws and certain equipment provisions to motor-assisted bicycles; 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 482 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
 2 thereto a new section which shall read as follows:
 3 "*Motor-assisted bicycle*" means every motor vehicle which:
 4 1. *Travels on only two wheels in contact with the ground;*
 5 2. *Is propelled by human power or a motor or both;*
 6 3. *Has a motor with a capacity of less than 60 cubic centimeters of*
 7 *piston displacement; and*
 8 4. *Is capable of a maximum speed of not more than 30 miles per*
 9 *hour on a flat surface with not more than 1 percent grade in any direction*
 10 *when the motor is engaged.*
- 11 SEC. 2. NRS 482.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 12 482.010 When used in this chapter, the words and terms in NRS
 13 482.013 to 482.135, inclusive, and *section 1 of this act* shall for the pur-
 14 poses of this chapter, have the meanings ascribed to them in [NRS
 15 482.013 to 482.135, inclusive,] *such sections*, except in those instances
 16 where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.
- 17 SEC. 3. NRS 482.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 18 482.070 "Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle designed to travel
 19 on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, except any such
 20 vehicle as may be included within the term "tractor" or "*motor-assisted*
 21 *bicycle*" as defined in this chapter.
- 22 SEC. 4. NRS 482.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 23 482.210 The provisions of this chapter requiring the registration of
 24 certain vehicles do not apply to:

(REPRINTED WITH ADOPTED AMENDMENTS)

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A. B. 128

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 128—COMMITTEE
ON TRANSPORTATION

JANUARY 29, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Requires staggered registration of certain vehicles.
Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-275)



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

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; requiring staggered registration for certain 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 482.206 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 482.206 1. Except as provided in subsection 4, every passenger car,
- 3 *travel trailer* and motorcycle, and every trailer or semitrailer having an
- 4 unladen weight of 3,500 pounds or less, except a converter dolly, shall,
- 5 and every motortruck having an unladen weight of 5,000 or less pounds
- 6 may be registered for a period of 12 consecutive months beginning the
- 7 first day of the month after the first registration by the owner in this state.
- 8 2. Every mobile home [and travel trailer] shall be registered for a
- 9 period of 1 year commencing August 1 and ending July 31 of the follow-
- 10 ing year.
- 11 3. Every other vehicle shall be registered on a calendar year basis.
- 12 4. Upon the application of the owner of a fleet of vehicles of a type
- 13 referred to in subsection 1, the director may permit such an owner to
- 14 register such fleet on a calendar year basis.
- 15 5. *When the registration of any of the vehicles referred to in sub-*
- 16 *section 1 is transferred pursuant to NRS 482.3667 or 482.399, the expira-*
- 17 *tion date of a regular license plate or plates, special license plate or plates*
- 18 *or substitute decal shall, at the time of transfer of registration, be updated*
- 19 *for a period of 12 consecutive months beginning the first day of the*
- 20 *month after the transfer, and a credit on the portion of the registration*
- 21 *fee and privilege tax attributable to the remainder of the current registra-*
- 22 *tion period shall be allowed according to the applicable provisions of*
- 23 *NRS 482.3667 and 482.399.*

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