

## SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 1975

The sixteenth meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee was held on Wednesday, April 9, 1975, at 12:00 Noon in Room #345.

Senator Helen Herr was in the Chair.

PRESENT WERE: Chairman Helen Herr  
 Senator Gojack  
 Senator Blakemore  
 Senator Neal  
 Senator Schofield  
 Senator Raggio

ABSENT: Senator Warren Monroe

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Howard Hill - Department of Motor Vehicles  
 John Ciardella - DMV  
 Vern Fletcher - DMV  
 James Lambert - DMV  
 Senator Cliff Young  
 James Lien - Nevada Tax Commission

ACTION WAS THEN TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING BILLS:

SB 434      REQUIRES DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE LICENSE PLATES HAVING REPRESENTATION OF THE DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP.

Senator Cliff Young testified as to the purpose of this measure, stating that the license would be offered to the public the same as the personalized plate which is now issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Although a certain percentage of the license fee will be retained by the DMV for administrative costs, the rest of the fee will go to the Nevada Fish and Game for a fund which will be given to the protection of endangered species of fish and game within the State (See attachment.)

He proposed some amendments to the measure which were agreed upon by the Department of Motor Vehicles. (See attachments.)

Senator Schofield moved "AMEND AND DO PASS"  
 Senator Gojack seconded the motion  
 Motion carried unanimously.

SB 308      REQUIRES PAYMENT OF FEE FOR PERMIT TO OPERATE FLASHING AMBER LIGHTS ON CERTAIN VEHICLES.

Howard Hill of the Department of Motor Vehicles gave testimony as to the purpose of this measure (See attachment,) along with some needed amendments which were

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approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles and suggested by the Legislative Counsel Bureau (see attachment).

Senator Raggio moved "AMEND AND DO PASS"  
Senator Blakemore seconded the motion  
Motion carried unanimously.

AB 301      PROVIDES FOR A MOBILE HOME TRIP PERMIT IN LIEU OF  
REGISTRATION AND LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

James Lien of the Nevada Tax Commission gave testimony as to the purpose of this bill which would allow the County Assessor to issue a permit after a check had been made to see that there were no delinquent taxes.

Changes which needed to be made were on page 2, line 48; would read "The Assessor or an appropriate county officer . . . ."; and, on page 2, line 49: omit "state highway" and insert "Motor Vehicle Department".

Senator Neal moved "AMEND AND DO PASS"  
Senator Schofield seconded the motion.  
Motion carried unanimously.

AB 119      DESIGNATES ADDITIONAL TYPES OF AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY  
VEHICLES AND PROVIDES FOR USE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT.

James Lambert gave testimony regarding the purpose of this measure and a copy of amendments proposed and agreed upon between the Nevada Highway Patrol and the Public Service Commission. (See attachment.)

Senator Gojack moved that "AMEND AND DO PASS", with Senator Raggio to explain the necessary amendments when it comes to the floor of the Senate for vote.

Senator Blakemore seconded the motion.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Senator Herr asked the Committee for their approval to introduce the following drafted bills:

SJR (BDR-1608)  
Senator Neal moved to introduce  
Senator Schofield seconded the motion  
Motion carried unanimously.

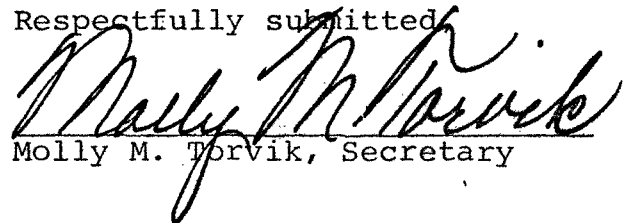
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SB(BDR 57-1608)  
Senator Gojack moved to introduce  
Senator Schofield seconded the motion  
Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until  
Monday, April 14, 1975 at the hour of 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Molly M. Torvik, Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Senator Helen Herr, Chairman

Summary - SB-434 - Bighorn Sheep Representation on License Plates

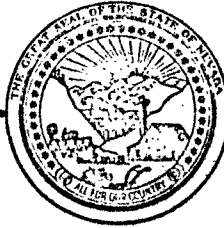
The thrust of this bill is to provide for the Department to issue license plates with the Bighorn Sheep representation on them. There will be a \$25.00 initial fee for issuance, plus the additional annual renewal fee of \$15.00 which is in addition to all other regular registration fees.

All above fees will be credited to the Nevada Fish & Game fund to be used in administering Fish & Game Programs. The following four items should be considered:

- 1- The cost of manufacturing of the die. (\$1,000.00)
- 2- Although it sets forth we will issue the plates in any combination of letters, I believe this could cause a problem with the Personalized Plate Program. Although they would have a Big Horn design on plates and registration, it would be better to issue them consecutively.
- 3- Line 12, Page 1 should reflect as having an unladen weight of 6,000 lbs or less instead of a rated capacity of 1 ton or less. This would bring it in line with our other charges.
- 4- Most important, as you can see from the bill, in addition to all other fees there is a fee of \$25.00 upon original issuance and a renewal fee of \$15.00 annually which must be collected and remitted to the Fish and Game. There appears to be a legal question as to whether we can legally use Highway User's Funds to collect funds for general service funded agencies. The Department should be allowed to retain a portion of the \$25.00 for collection and implementation of this program. The Department of Motor Vehicles could retain \$5.00 administrative fees upon original issuance and then would retain \$2.00 administrative fees for the renewal of these plates.

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March 11, 1975

Mr. Leonard Winkelman, Chief  
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Dear Leonard:

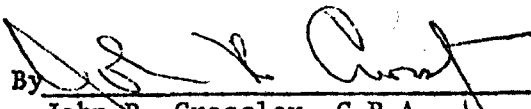
As discussed, we are suggesting the following amendment for you to make to SB 308.

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   
John R. Crossley, C.P.A.  
Chief Deputy Legislative Auditor

ETO:JRC:mn

A.B. 119

THE FIRST PURPOSE OF THIS BILL IS TO DESIGNATE ADDITIONAL TYPES OF AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES.??

THE SECOND PURPOSE OF THIS BILL IS TO DESIGNATE AND AUTHORIZE A FLASHING BLUE LIGHT, IF OPERATED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH A FLASHING RED LIGHT, AS AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE 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 THIS 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.

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484.787 [Designation of authorized] Authorized emergency vehicles [.] Designation; equipment; restrictions; fleeing or attempting to elude a peace officer.

1. Except as provided in NRS 484.789, authorized emergency vehicles are vehicles publicly owned and operated in the performance of the duty of:

- (a) A police or fire department.
- (b) A sheriff's office.
- (c) The Nevada highway patrol.
- (d) A public ambulance company.
- (e) A public lifeguard or lifesaving agency.

2. A vehicle publicly maintained in whole or part by the state, or by a city or county, and privately owned and operated by a regularly salaried member of a police department, sheriff's office or traffic law enforcement department, is an authorized emergency vehicle under the following conditions:

(a) When such vehicle has such a permit from the department of motor vehicles;

(b) Where such person operates such privately owned vehicle [so owned by him] in responding to emergency calls or fire alarms or highway patrol duty or operates such vehicle in the pursuit of actual or suspected violators of the law; and

(c) When the state, county or city does not furnish to such officer a publicly owned vehicle for the purposes stated in paragraph (b).

3. [When a vehicle is operated as an authorized emergency vehicle it shall display a flashing red light and an audible siren which have been approved by the department of motor vehicles.] For use as provided in this chapter, every authorized emergency vehicle shall be equipped with at least one flashing red warning lamp visible from in front thereof and a siren. In addition, authorized emergency vehicles may display revolving, flashing, or steady red or blue warning lights to the front, sides or rear of the vehicles. Any flashing red warning lamp or siren required by this section shall comply with standards approved by the department of motor vehicles.

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4. No person shall operate any vehicle with any lamp or device thereon displaying a red light visible from directly in front of the center thereof. This section shall not apply to authorized emergency vehicles, school buses, or official vehicles of a regulatory agency.

5. A blue light shall not be displayed on any vehicle other than an authorized emergency vehicle.

6. Any driver of a motor vehicle who willfully fails or refuses to bring his vehicle to a stop, or who otherwise flees or attempts to elude a peace officer in a readily identifiable police or regulatory agency vehicle, when given visual or audible signal to bring the vehicle to a stop shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. The signal given by the peace officer from the police or regulatory agency vehicle may be by hand, voice, flashing red lamp, or siren.

## DEFINITION:

"Regulatory Agency" defined. "Regulatory agency" means every agency conferred police or enforcement powers specified in 407.065; 481.048; 481.049; 501.349; 565.155; 706.181; or 706.8821; of NRS.



**S. B. 434**

**SENATE BILL NO. 434—SENATORS YOUNG,  
GOJACK AND RAGGIO**

APRIL 2, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

**SUMMARY**—Requires department of motor vehicles to issue license plates having representation of the desert bighorn sheep. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-1533)

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

AN ACT relating to special license plates; requiring the department of motor vehicles to issue license plates having a representation of the desert bighorn sheep; providing for the disposition of revenues; 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 1. *The department shall establish, design and otherwise prepare for*
- 4 *issue license plates which display a representation of the desert bighorn*
- 5 *sheep, with any combination of letters and numbers, and shall establish*
- 6 *all necessary procedures for receiving application for and issuing the*
- 7 *license plates.*
- 8 2. *Upon payment of the fees prescribed in subsection 3, the depart-*
- 9 *ment shall issue the license plates to any person who is a resident of*
- 10 *Nevada and who otherwise complies with the laws relating to the regis-*
- 11 *tration and licensing of motor vehicles or trailers. The plates may be used*
- 12 *on private passenger cars, trucks having a rated capacity of 1 ton or less*
- 13 *or trailers.*
- 14 3. *In addition to all other license fees and motor vehicle taxes, the*
- 15 *applicant shall pay the same fees as are required for personalized license*
- 16 *plates pursuant to NRS 482.367.*
- 17 4. *The department shall deposit all regular license fees and motor*
- 18 *vehicle taxes with the state treasurer to the credit of the state highway*
- 19 *fund. The additional fees collected by the department for license plates*
- 20 *issued pursuant to this section shall be remitted monthly to the state treas-*
- 21 *urer for credit to the fish and game fund to be used for the purposes stated*
- 22 *in subsection 4 of NRS 501.356.*
- 23 SEC. 2. NRS 501.356 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 24 501.356 1. There is hereby created a fund to be known as and called

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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.*

(REPRINTED WITH ADOPTED AMENDMENTS)

SECOND REPRINT

A. B. 301

## ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 301—COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

FEBRUARY 19, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Provides for a mobile home trip permit in lieu of registration and licensing requirements. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-100)

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

AN ACT relating to mobile homes; regulating certain mobile homes used on highways and roads by requiring a 5-day trip permit in lieu of the registration certificate and license number plate required by NRS chapter 482; providing a definition; providing exceptions; providing conditions, requirements, and procedures relating to issuance and use of the permit; providing powers and duties of county assessors and the department of motor vehicles respecting such permits; providing for enforcement; providing a penalty; repealing NRS 482.397, relating to registration and licensing of mobile homes; 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 the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 8, inclusive, of this act.
- 3 SEC. 2. *Towing, pushing or otherwise propelling a mobile home upon*  
4 *a highway or road, whether or not any part of the mobile home touches*  
5 *the highway or road, is a movement of the mobile home on the highways*  
6 *or roads within the provisions of sections 2 to 8, inclusive, of this act.*
- 7 SEC. 3. 1. *Sections 4 to 8, inclusive, of this act do not apply to*  
8 *mobile homes moved:*
- 9 (a) *Through this state from and to points outside Nevada.*
- 10 (b) *Into this state with a valid license plate or permit from another*  
11 *state.*
- 12 (c) *With a dealer's license plate or with a motor convoy carrier license*  
13 *plate, when the movement is from:*
- 14 (1) *The mobile home's place of manufacture to the place of business*  
15 *of a mobile home dealer licensed under this chapter;*
- 16 (2) *One dealer lot to another; or*
- 17 (3) *A dealer lot to the place of delivery to that dealer's buyer.*
- 18 2. *Except as provided in subsection 1, no mobile home shall be*  
19 *moved upon the highways or roads of this state through use of a dealer or*

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**A. B. 119**

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 119—COMMITTEE  
ON TRANSPORTATION**

JANUARY 29, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

**SUMMARY**—Designates additional types of authorized emergency vehicles and provides for use of certain equipment. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-331)

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

AN ACT relating to traffic laws; designating additional types of authorized emergency vehicles; allowing the use of certain equipment on authorized emergency vehicles and prohibiting use of certain equipment on other vehicles; providing a penalty; 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 484.787 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 484.787. 1. Except as provided in NRS 484.789, authorized emer-  
3 gency vehicles are vehicles publicly owned and operated in the per-  
4 formance of the duty of:  
5 (a) A police or fire department.  
6 (b) A sheriff's office.  
7 (c) The Nevada highway patrol.  
8 (d) A public ambulance agency.  
9 (e) A public lifeguard or lifesaving agency.  
10 (f) *An enforcement vehicle of the public service commission.*  
11 (g) *An enforcement vehicle of the motor carrier division of the depart-*  
12 *ment of motor vehicles.*  
13 2. A vehicle publicly maintained in whole or in part by the state,  
14 or by a city or county, and privately owned and operated by a regularly  
15 salaried member of a police department, sheriff's office or traffic law  
16 enforcement department, is an authorized emergency vehicle under the  
17 following conditions:  
18 (a) When such vehicle has such a permit from the department of  
19 motor vehicles;  
20 (b) Where such person operates such vehicle so owned by him in  
21 responding to emergency calls or fire alarms or highway patrol duty or  
22 operates such vehicle in the pursuit of actual or suspected violators of  
23 the law; and