

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - MINUTES

February 3, 1977

3:05 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Hayes Mr. Harmon
Mr. Demers Mr. May
Mr. Glover Mrs. Westall

MEMBER EXCUSED: Mr. Jacobsen

GUESTS PRESENT: Stan Cooper, Division for Aging Services
John Gianotti, Harrah's
Nancy Wong, Legislative Intern
Linda Tatum, Department of Motor Vehicles
V. L. Fletcher, Department of Motor Vehicles
Bill Fitzpatrick, Department of Motor Vehicles
Hal B. Bennett, Department of Motor Vehicles
Howard Hill, Department of Motor Vehicles
John Ciardella, Department of Motor Vehicles
Sue Wagner, Assemblyman
Steve Scheerer, Legislative Intern
Virgil Anderson, AAA

AB 15

Assemblyman Wagner sponsor of the bill said a person 70 years of age or older had to renew their drivers license every two years at a cost of \$3. Persons under 70 years of age had to renew theirs every four years at a cost of \$5.00. The reduction in the fee would bring the two fees in line. This is a special concern of the people of the Reno area and lowering the fee for the aged is equitable.

Mr. Stan Cooper, Division for Aging Services, would like to see the reduction to \$2 instead of \$2.50. They feel that the person over 70 years of age has been paying license fees and taxes for a long time and they should get a break. The Division for Aging is supporting an amendment to lower the fee to \$2.00.

Mr. Howard Hill, Director, Department of Motor Vehicles, stated they were not opposed to the bill. They are anticipating the loss to the highway fund for 1977-78 to be \$3,900 and for 1978-79 to be \$4100. He requested the Committee hold action on the bill because the Senate was considering SB-57 sponsored by Senator Gojack, who indicated it was her intent, although SB-57 does not indicate it, to extend the license of someone 70 years of age or over, from two to four years. If SB-57 is amended and passed, it will have a definite impact on AB-15.

Mr. Glover stated he thought they should change the drivers license for senior citizens to \$2.00. He was not in favor of

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renewing drivers license to senior citizens every four years. Ageing people should have their license renewed every two. They need re-examination at that time. He does not suport a four year license.

Mr. Hill stated further that if AB-15 does pass they would like to see the language changed in lines 4-11 because licenses are now \$1 more than reflected in this bill. This fee was added to cover the expenses of the photograph on the license.

Mr. May was told in response to a question to Mr. Hill that the NRS number on the additional \$1 fee was NRS 483-347, and commented that that provision should be repealed instead of amending this one. Mr. Hill agreed.

Mr. Demers was in favor of elimination of the license fee for the older people.

An unidentified guest, in response to a question from the Committee stated a senior citizen now paid \$4.00 license fee every two years and others paid \$6 every 4 years.

Mr. Hill stated \$120,000 a year was generated from all license transactions.

AB 124

Mr. John Ciardella, Department of Motor Vehicles, said this bill was for the purpose of allowing persons holding old license plate numbers to have them duplicated and retain them as a "special plate". The plates become damaged and lost in time and need to be replaced. Now when it is reissued, a new number is issued. Many people want to keep their old numbers, and the Department has a lot of requests to issue these as personal plates. There were 350,000 plates with these older code numbers, 106,536 of which are still in use.

We have a lot of requests to duplicate these old plates. The Department would like to reissue them as personalized plates, charging the \$25 fee.

Mr. May asked what disposition was made of the old numbers once they were no longer in use.

Mr. Ciardella replied the numbers were retired. The people who originally held the numbers would be notified the old codes were available if this bill is passed.

Mr. May asked if the numbers were not "jammed in" in some counties and would not this be an advantage in allowing a larger range of numbers. The answer was yes, that this would be an advantage.

Mr. John Gianoti, representing Harrah's Club spoke against the measure. Once people gave up a license plate it was lost to them forever. Many would like to retain them although they were not being

used everyday, and would like to keep these plates even though they are mutilated. They should not be charged a \$25 for personal plates. He suggested the Committee refer to AB-203 as he does not think AB-124 solves the problem. A number of people would object to the cost.

Mr. Glover saw the the point being made by Mr. Gianotti but asked how much it would cost the State to reissue these old numbers.

Mr. Ciardella replied the cost would be \$350,000.

AB-127

Mr. Bill Fitzpatrick, Department of Motor Vehicles, said wording in line 17 of this bill should be changed from "drunkard" to "drinking driver" because the connotation of the "drunkard" term was "habitual drinker". They had received complaints on the use of the word.

Mr. Glover agreed that the term "drunkard" was a stigma that adversely affected many aspects of a persons life.

Mr. Fitzpatrick added that the change on page 3, lines 5-7, was to clean up the language but this still was not technically correct. The language in SB-88 is the correct language. (See Exhibit A) In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Fitzpatrick said this measure would circumvent the driver who piles up demerits when awaiting a trial on DUI charges.

Mrs. Hayes declared a five minute recess.

AB 15

Mr. Demers was in favor of giving senior citizens free drivers licenses.

Mr. Glover suggested deleting NRS 483.347, leave this bill at \$2.50 for those 70 years of age or older and increase the fee to \$6 for others. "We are assuming that all senior citizens are poor people and that is not the case."

Chairman Hayes objected on the grounds it appeared the Committee was raising the fee even though that was not the case.

Mr. May opposed the free license, stating this was a gesture. He thought the \$1.00 charge should be left as a special provision and AB 15 passed just as it is written.

Chairman Hayes suggested decreasing the amount of the fee to \$2.

Mr. Demers moved we amend AB 15, line 5 to replace \$2.50 with \$2.00 and DO PASS.

Mr. Glover seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

AB 124

Mr. Harmon moved to indefinitely postpone AB 124 in favor of AB 203.

Mr. May objected stating that this bill concerns a lot of people and he would like the Committee to consider it further.

Mr. Glover stated AB 203 was going to cost the State a lot of money. This way the people could keep their old plates; otherwise they would be lost forever.

Chairman Hayes called for a vote.

Chairman Hayes, Mr. Demers, Mr. Harmon and Mrs. Westall voted to indefinitely postpone AB 124. Mr. May and Mr. Glover opposed the action. Motion carried.

AB 127

Mr. Glover moved to delete lines 5-7, page 3, and DO PASS as amended. Mr. Demers seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



M. Robertson, Secretary

Exhibit A

S. B. 88

SENATE BILL NO. 88—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

JANUARY 20, 1977

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Includes driver's license suspensions under implied consent law in consecutive suspensions. (BDR 43-204)

FISCAL NOTE: Local Government Impact: No.
State or Industrial Insurance Impact: No.

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

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; adding to the category of driver's license suspensions required to run consecutively; 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 483.490 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 483.490 1. Unless otherwise provided by law, the department may
3 not suspend a license for a period of more than 1 year.
4 2. The department may, after the expiration of 1 year from the date
5 of revocation of a license and when the period of [such] revocation
6 exceeds 1 year, issue a driver's license to an applicant permitting [such]
7 the applicant to drive a motor vehicle for purposes of his employment
8 only, if the department is satisfied that a severe hardship exists.
9 3. The periods of suspensions and revocations under this chapter and
10 under NRS 484.385 shall run consecutively, except as provided in NRS
11 483.470, when the [suspension] suspensions shall run concurrently.

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GUEST LIST

NAME (Please print)	REPRESENTING	WISH TO SPEAK	
		BILL YES	STANCE NO
STAN COOPER	Division for Aging Services	X	FOR WITH REVISION
JOHN GIANNOTTI	Charrachi	AB 124	AGAINST
Nancy Wong	Legislative Intern		
Judith Saturn	DMV		
V.P. Fletcher	DMU		
✓ BILL FITZPATRICK	DMV	AB 15 AB 142	
✓ HALE B BENNETT	DMV		
✓ HOWARD HULL	DMU	AB 15 AB 142 AB 127	
✓ JOHN CAVALLI	DMU	AB 127	
Ane Wagner	legislator	AB	
STEVE SCHEERER	LEGISLATIVE INTERN		
✓ VIRGIL ANDERSON	AAA		

TRANSPORTATION
LEGISLATION ACTION

DATE 2-3-77

SUBJECT AB-15

MOTION:

Do Pass Amend Indefinitely Postpone _____ Reconsider _____

Moved By Demers Seconded By Glover

AMENDMENT: Change on 5 \$2.50 to 2.00

Moved By _____ Seconded By _____

AMENDMENT: _____

Moved BY _____ Seconded By _____

VOTE:	<u>MOTION</u>		<u>AMEND</u>		<u>AMEND</u>	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
HAYES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
DEMERS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
GLOVER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
HARMON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
MAY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
JACOBSEN	<u>etc</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
WESTALL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

TALLY:

ORIGINAL MOTION: Passed _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____

AMENDED & PASSED _____ AMENDED & DEFEATED _____

AMENDED & PASSED _____ AMENDED & DEFEATED _____

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TRANSPORTATION
LEGISLATION ACTION

NO. 2-377
SUBJECT AB 127

MOTION:

Do Pass Amend Indefinitely Postpone _____ Reconsider _____

Moved By Honer Seconded By Demers

AMENDMENT: delete lines 5-7 pg 3

Moved By _____ Seconded By _____

AMENDMENT: _____

Moved BY _____ Seconded By _____

VOTE:	<u>MOTION</u>		<u>AMEND</u>		<u>AMEND</u>	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
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DEMERS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
GLOVER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
HARMON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
MAY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
JACOBSEN	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
WESTALL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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Attached to Minutes _____

TRANSPORTATION
LEGISLATION ACTION

AB-124-2-3-77

SUBJECT AB 124

MOTION:

Do Pass _____ Amend _____ Indefinitely Postpone Reconsider _____

Moved By Demers Harmon Seconded By Demers

AMENDMENT:

Moved By _____ Seconded By _____

AMENDMENT:

Moved BY _____ Seconded By _____

VOTE:

MOTION

AMEND

AMEND

Yes

No

Yes

No

Yes

No

HAYES

DEMERS

GLOVER

HARMON

MAY

JACOBSEN

WESTALL

TALLY:

ORIGINAL MOTION: Passed Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____

AMENDED & PASSED _____ AMENDED & DEFEATED _____

AMENDED & PASSED _____ AMENDED & DEFEATED _____

Attached to Minutes _____