

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, April 14, 1977

The meeting was called to order in Room #323, Legislative Building at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday April 14, 1977.

Senator Richard Blakemore was in the chair.

PRESENT: Senator Richard Blakemore, Chairman
 Senator Keith Ashworth, Vice Chairman
 Senator C. Clifton Young
 Senator Margie Foote
 Senator Joe Neal
 Senator Wilbur Faiss
 Senator William Hernstadt

OTHERS PRESENT: William Fitzpatrick, Drivers License Division, DMV
 Robert Guinn, Nevada Motor Transport Association
 Howard Hill, Director, DMV
 Virgil Anderson, Triple A

Hearing was then had on the following bills:

AB 444 PERMITS MOTOR CARRIERS TO SELF-INSURE \$50,000 PER ACCIDENT.

Senator Young read and presented a letter to the Committee regarding the question of whether or not the DMV followed up on persons who had received a certificate of self-insurance. (See Attachment A) Senator Young said that he has some very definite concern because the department, after issuing a certificate of self-insurance, apparently does not follow-up on any certificate holder unless evidence is presented of an unsatisfied judgment. He did not know what type of mechanism the department would need to enable them to follow-up on persons who had received certificates of self-insurance.

Senator Blakemore asked Mr. Fitzpatrick, Chief of Drivers License Division what he would have to do to make sure the public is protected in this area? Mr. Fitzpatrick answered that presently they do not follow-up after the issuance of the certificate of self-insurance. We do not do this because of inadequate staff. We only do what is mandated by law. Senator Blakemore asked if Mr. Fitzpatrick had the ability through regulation to require a reporting time other than what you are receiving at this time; say, a monthly report if we should pass AB 444.

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Mr. Fitzpatrick answered he was not sure.

Robert Guinn, Nevada Motor Transport Association stated that when the bill was originally introduced in the Assembly, it said that a certificate could be accepted by both the PSC and the Clark County Taxicab Authority. Insofar as the PSC is concerned, they do not need that authority because they already have it, and they have come to the conclusion that they are going to write their own rules and regulations with respect to accepting self-insurance and not depend upon the Department's certificate. What this bill does is simply authorize the Clark County Taxi Authority to accept self-insurance once it is cleared by DMV. Assemblyman Harmon asked Mr. Guinn to let him know if the Committee had any problems with the bill, so that he might have the chance to talk to the Committee before it took any action. Because Assemblyman Harmon was unable to attend the meeting, the bill was held until the following meeting.

AB 315 PROHIBITS ISSUANCE OF BENCH WARRANT FOR ARREST OF PERSON WHO WAS NOT OPERATOR OF VEHICLE AND DID NOT PERSONALLY SIGN TRAFFIC CITATION, EXCEPT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Senator Ashworth stated that this bill was introduced because of an incident in Las Vegas whereby a man was retired, had a wrecking yard, sold a car and transferred the license plate along with that car to another person who had several traffic citations which he had signed, but had never appeared in court. The registration had not cleared as yet when the seller of the car got a parking ticket for overtime parking. He went to pay his fine; the desk sergeant arrested him and put him in jail for overnight. Needless to say, he was a bit irate. This bill is to take care of that situation.

Chairman Blakemore asked if a traffic citation included a parking citation? Mr. Howard Hill, Director of DMV said no, a traffic citation is a moving citation and therefore, the way the bill is drafted would not cover parking citations. Actually, when a citation is issued for a moving violation, it is issued in the name of the person who committed the violation, not the vehicle such as a parking citation.

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Senator Ashworth said that the purpose of this bill was for those who receive tickets which they do not sign for such, as parking tickets.

It was the consensus of the Committee that the following amendments be made:

1. Line 3 be amended by deleting "traffic" and inserting "parking."
2. Line 9 be amended by adding "first class" before the word "mail."
3. Line 9 be amended further by adding "within 20 days" after the word "appear."

Senator Hernstadt moved "Amend and DO PASS."
Senator Ashworth seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

AB 21 REQUIRES DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS TO EXPRESS DISTANCE IN MILES AND KILOMETERS ON NEW AND REPLACEMENT HIGHWAY SIGNS.

Robert Guinn stated that this bill, was amended would that these signs would only be erected in the event that Federal standards are established and Federal funds are made available in respect to paying for the signs.

Senator Neal moved " DO PASS."
Senator Ashworth seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

AB 550 INCREASES SPEED LIMIT FOR SCHOOL BUSES WHILE TRANSPORTING PUPILS.

John Borda, Office of Traffic Safety, said he was not opposed to the bill. He commented that there had never been a school bus fatality in the history of the state. Eight of ten western states have a 55 mile speed limit for busses.

Senator Neal moved "DO PASS."
Senator Ashworth seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

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SB 484 REQUIRES DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PROVIDE LIST OF REGISTERED OWNERS OF VEHICLES IN COUNTY TO DISTRICT JUDGE FOR JURY SELECTION.

Senator Young testified that this was requested by a rural county judge who felt that the registration list is much more current than the registered voting list and other lists which are used to select jury members.

Howard Hill testified that it would cost the Department of Motor Vehicles approximately \$600.00 per year to supply these lists to all seventeen counties in the State.

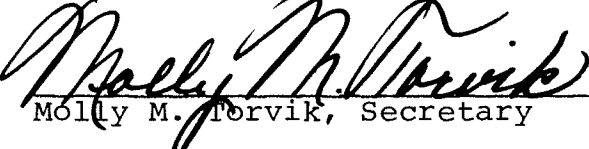
It was the consensus of the committee that the bill be amended by adding a new section which would stipulate that when a district judge asked for a list, the county would reimburse the Department of Motor Vehicles their cost for producing the list.

Senator Ashworth moved "Amend and DO PASS."
Seconded by Senator Young.
Motion carried unanimously.

The committee decided to hold AB 30 and AB 444 until the next meeting, which would be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday April 19.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Molly M. Torvik, Secretary

APPROVED BY:


Senator Richard Blakemore, Chairman

STATE OF NEVADA
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

MEMORANDUM

..... April 13, 1977, 19.....

To..... Senator Richard E. Blakemore.....

..... Nevada State Senate.....

From..... William A. Fitzpatrick, Chief..... Driver License Division

Subject: AB444

NRS 485.380 authorizes the issuance of a certificate of self-insurance to any person in whose name more than 25 motor vehicles are registered in the State of Nevada.

Upon such issuance, no further action is taken providing there is no evidence of an unsatisfied judgment. To date, there have been no cancellations of self-insurance certificates.

At the present time we have only 10 self insureds and have not experienced any problems in the past.

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A. B. 315

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 315—ASSEMBLYMEN
ROBINSON, SENA AND BREMNER

FEBRUARY 16, 1977

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Prohibits issuance of bench warrant for arrest of person who was not operator of vehicle and did not personally sign traffic citation, except in certain circumstances. (BDR 43-740)

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 traffic laws; prohibiting the issuance of a bench warrant for the arrest of any person who did not personally sign a traffic citation, except in certain circumstances; 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 *Whenever a traffic citation has been issued identifying by license num-*
4 *ber a vehicle registered to a person other than the violator and the viola-*
5 *tor has subsequently failed to appear before the court, a bench warrant*
6 *shall not be issued for the registered owner or other person who did not*
7 *personally sign the citation unless:*
8 *1. A notice to appear concerning the violation is first sent to such*
9 *person by mail; and*
10 *2. The person does not appear or the notice to appear is returned*
11 *with a report that it cannot be delivered.*

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AB 315

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A. B. 21

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 21—ASSEMBLYMEN ROBINSON, HARMON, BANNER, BARENGO, COULTER AND WAGNER

JANUARY 18, 1977

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Requires department of highways to express distances in miles and kilometers on new and replacement highway signs. (BDR 35-570)

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 highways; requiring certain highway signs to contain measurements based on metric units; 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 408.950 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 408.950 1. As a part of every plan and of all specifications and
3 contracts for the construction of highways, provisions shall be made for
4 the erection of permanent guideposts and signboards at every point
5 where another road crosses or diverges from such highways and at all
6 places requiring warning to the traveling public as to the condition of
7 the road, such as dangerous turns and steep grades. Such guideposts and
8 signboards shall contain plain and accurate information as to the dis-
9 tances of towns and other points such as is usually contained on sign-
10 boards for the information of the traveling public.
11 2. The department shall:
12 (a) Cause to be put up, and to be kept up thereafter, on and along
13 the highways, all such usual and necessary road markers and highway
14 signs as have been adopted or shall hereafter, from time to time, be
15 adopted by the American Association of State Highway and Transporta-
16 tion Officials.
17 (b) Cause to be put up, and to be kept up thereafter, informative
18 signs, distinctive in color and design, pointing out, calling attention to
19 and descriptive of nearby points, location of and distance to water, and
20 objects of natural, scenic, geographical, geological, paleogeographical and
21 historical interest to the traveler within or passing through the state.

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A. B. 550

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 550—ASSEMBLYMEN POLISH, BREMNER,
MAY, HOWARD, GOODMAN, RHOADS AND SERPA

MARCH 28, 1977

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Increases speed limit for school buses while transporting
pupils. (BDR 43-1602)

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 vehicle traffic; increasing speed limit for school buses
while transporting pupils; 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 484.365 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 484.365 [1. A bus identified as, and meeting the requirements for,
3 a] A school bus shall not exceed a speed of [50] 55 miles per hour when
4 transporting pupils to and from school [.] or any activity which is prop-
5 erly a part of a school program.
6 [2. A bus identified as, and meeting the requirements for, a school
7 activity bus shall not exceed the maximum speed established by rules
8 and regulations adopted by the department of motor vehicles for such
9 buses.]

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S. B. 484

SENATE BILL NO. 484—SENATOR YOUNG

APRIL 12, 1977

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Requires department of motor vehicles to provide list of registered owners of vehicles in county to district judge for jury selection. (BDR 43-1573)

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

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

AN ACT relating to vehicle licensing and registration; providing for lists of vehicle owners to be given to district judges on request for jury selection purposes; 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 *The department shall provide a list of registered owners of motor vehi-*
- 4 *cles in any county upon the request of a district judge of the judicial dis-*
- 5 *trict in which the county lies for his use for purposes of jury selection.*

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