

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m. in Room 323 in the Legislative Building.

Senator Blakemore in the Chair.

PRESENT: Senator Richard E. Blakemore, Chairman
Senator Wilbur Faiss, Vice-Chairman
Senator Keith Ashworth
Senator William Hernstadt
Senator Lawrence Jacobsen
Senator Clifford McCorkle
Senator Joe Neal

OTHERS

PRESENT: Barney Dehl, Nevada Highway Patrol
Daryl Capurro, Nevada Motor Transport Association

S.B. 487 CHANGES METHOD OF COMPUTING NUMBER OF CERTAIN PERSONNEL OF NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL.

Barney Dehl, Chief of the Nevada Highway Patrol, spoke on S.B. 487. He said he goes on record as totally supporting S.B. 487. Virtually, what this bill does is do away with a specific manpower limit of 151 highway patrolmen and instead puts in a ratio of one officer to every 3,750 vehicles. He said this would allow the number of troopers to fluctuate according to the number of vehicles in the state. There is also some cleanup language in this bill.

John Borda, Office of Traffic Safety, spoke in support of S.B. 487. He said his office in the last three years, realizing the shortage because of growth, has funded the training of five cadets.

Senator Neal moved that S.B. 487 be recommended to "Do Pass."

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen

Motion carried unanimously.

A.B. 81 REPEALS PROVISIONS OF LAW RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF SECURITIES OR ASSUMPTION OF OBLIGATIONS BY MOTOR CARRIERS.

Daryl Capurro, Nevada Motor Transport Association, spoke on A.B. 81. He said this bill was recommended by the Interim Committee. He said it basically repeals the stocks and securities transaction section in the motor carrier act. This bill was also supported by the Public Service Commission. He said the act is an obsolete section of the law.

Senator Ashworth moved that A.B. 81 be recommended to "Do Pass."

Seconded by Senator Hernstadt.

Motion carried unanimously.

S.B. 456 AUTHORIZES PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER CERTAIN FACTORS WHEN SETTING RATES FOR COMMON MOTOR CARRIERS. (See previous testimony in minutes dated April 19, 1979.)

Noel Clark, Department of Energy, spoke on S.B. 456. He said he did not feel this would accomplish anything.

Senator Ashworth moved that S.B. 456 be Indefinitely Postponed.

Seconded by Senator Faiss.

Motion carried unanimously.

A.B. 71 REQUIRES RECOMMENDATION OF TAXICAB ADMINISTRATOR BEFORE HEARING IS HELD ON CHANGING NUMBER OF TAXICABS.

Senator Ashworth spoke on A.B. 71. He said this bill was from the study committee. He said the allocation of taxicabs should come after a recommendation from the administrator. The taxicab industry keeps making applications for producing new cabs for higher allocations by the administrator who will make a survey to find out whether or not more taxicabs are needed. It keeps the taxicab authority from addressing the same problem repeatedly.

Chairman Blakemore asked for testimony from Noel Clark on A.B. 71. Mr. Clark took time to familiarize himself with the bill and in the meantime Chairman Blakemore went on with committee action.

COMMITTEE ACTION

BRD 32-1891 Authorizes issuance of revenue bonds for construction of highways and imposes tax on motor vehicle fuel and special fuels to pay principal and interest on such bonds.

BDR 43-1892 Increases tax on special fuels and increases certain fees and penalties imposed by department of motor vehicles.

Senator Neal moved for committee introduction of both BDRs and referral to Taxation Committee.

BDR 43-1730 Changes certain definitions with respect to vehicle licensing and registration.

BDR 43-1731 Provides for registration of bicycles.

Senator Neal moved for committee introduction of both BDRs.

Seconded by Senator McCorkle.

Motion carried.

Senator Ashworth voted no.

Senator Faiss absent for the vote.

A.B. 71 (See above.)

Noel Clark, after reading A.B. 71, said he thought the taxicab authority has adequate power under their own authority to open, for investigation or on their own motion, any matter for a hearing. He said this bill might create a legal hodgepodge.

Senator McCorkle moved that A.B. 71 be Indefinitely Postponed.

Seconded by Senator Ashworth.

Motion carried.

Senators Hernstadt and Faiss absent for the vote.

S.B. 462 EXEMPTS EMPLOYER WHO OPERATES VEHICLE FOR TRANSPORTATION OF HIS EMPLOYEES FROM PROVISIONS REGULATING MOTOR CARRIERS AND TAXICABS. (See previous testimony on April 19, 1979.)

Noel Clark, Department of Energy, spoke on S.B. 462. He said that new language had been developed which Heber Hardy of the Public Service Commission has seen as well as himself, and he thought it accomplishes what they wanted it to do and they can accept the amendatory language.

Daryl Capurro, Nevada Motor Transport Association, said that basically the amendment adds to the exemption section of Chapter 706. It is in this area that van pooling is exempt from all provisions of Chapter 706. The language is as follows:

The transportation of an employer's own employees in a vehicle furnished by the employer between the employer's workplace and the employees' residences or central parking area subject to the following limitations:

- a. The employer must file an application with the Commission on a form to be furnished by it, identifying the employer, the work place and the general area in which employees are to be picked up and delivered and indicating any charge to be made for the use of the vehicle.
- b. The vehicles to be used must have a seating capacity of not less than seven nor more than twelve passengers, including the driver.

- c. Upon being satisfied that the conditions set forth in subparagraph a. and b. are met, the commission may issue a permit for the operation of the vehicle to be renewed annually. A fee of \$10 must accompany the application for each vehicle sought to be operated and for each annual renewal.
- d. Any charge made for use of the vehicle may not exceed the amortized annual cost of the vehicle in its operation.

Senator Ashworth moved that S.B. 462 be amended and recommended to "Do Pass."

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried.

Senator Hernstadt absent for the vote.

A.B. 222

EXEMPTS ALL EMERGENCY VEHICLES OPERATED BY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS FROM REGISTRATION FEES. (See previous testimony on April 19, 1979.)

Senator Neal moved that A.B. 222 be recommended for amend and "Do Pass."

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried.

Senator Hernstadt absent for the vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jane A. King, Secretary

APPROVED:


Richard E. Blakemore, Chairman

SENATE BILL NO. 487—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

APRIL 18, 1979

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Changes method of computing number of certain personnel of Nevada highway patrol. (BDR 43-1808)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: Yes.

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

AN ACT relating to the Nevada highway patrol; changing the method of computing the number of certain of its personnel; 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 481.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 481.140 The Nevada highway patrol shall be composed of the follow-
3 ing personnel appointed by the director of the department of motor
4 vehicles:

- 5 1. One chief.
- 6 2. Such number of [inspectors and patrolmen] *subordinate officers*
7 as the director determines necessary to perform the duties set forth in
8 NRS 481.180, employed under the provisions of chapter 284 of NRS and
9 within the limits of legislative appropriations therefor.
- 10 3. Such additional support personnel as may be necessary, employed
11 under the provisions of chapter 284 of NRS and within the limits of legis-
12 lative appropriations therefor.

13 SEC. 2. NRS 481.145 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 481.145 [1.] The *personnel of the* Nevada highway patrol [shall
15 be composed,] *may include*, in addition to the personnel provided by
16 NRS 481.140, [of supplementary patrolmen] *supplementary subordinate*
17 *officers* to the extent permitted by the [moneys which are] *money* avail-
18 able for [such purposes] *that purpose* in the special fund created by
19 subsection 9 of NRS 482.480, [but at no time may the total number of
20 highway patrolmen exceed 151.

21 2. The director shall appoint such additional patrolmen as soon after
22 the beginning of each fiscal year as he can determine the amount of
23 moneys which are available for this purpose. Salaries, travel and sub-
24 sistence payments shall be as provided in NRS 481.170.] *and within the*

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A. B. 81

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 81—ASSEMBLYMEN HAYES, GLOVER,
HORN, BARENGO AND JEFFREY**

JANUARY 16, 1979

Referred to Committee on Transportation

**SUMMARY—Repeals provisions of law relating to issuance of securities
or assumption of obligations by motor carriers. (BDR 58-24)**

**FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.**

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

**AN ACT relating to transportation; repealing provisions of law relating to the
issuance of securities or assumption of obligations by common or contract
motor carriers; 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 706.661 to 706.691, inclusive, are hereby repealed.

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SENATE BILL NO. 462—COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND LABOR

APRIL 12, 1979

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Exempts employer who operates vehicle for transportation of his employees from provisions regulating motor carriers and taxicabs. (BDR 58-1783)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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

AN ACT relating to motor vehicle carriers; exempting an employer who operates a vehicle for the transportation of his employees from the provisions regulating motor carriers and taxicabs; 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 706.126 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 706.126 1. "Taxicab motor carrier" means any operator of a
3 vehicle or vehicles designated or constructed to accommodate and trans-
4 port nor more than six passengers in number, including the driver, and:
5 (a) Fitted with taximeters or having some other device, method or
6 system to indicate and determine the passenger fare charged for distance
7 traveled;
8 (b) Used in the transportation of passengers for which a charge or
9 fee is received; or
10 (c) Operated in any service which is held out to the public as being
11 available for the transportation of passengers from place to place in the
12 State of Nevada.
13 2. [Neither common motor carriers of passengers nor contract motor
14 carriers conducting fixed-route operations shall be considered taxicab
15 motor carriers.] "*Taxicab motor carrier*" does not include:
16 (a) *Any common motor carrier of passengers.*
17 (b) *Any contract motor carrier conducting operations along fixed*
18 *routes.*
19 (c) *Any employer operating a vehicle for the transportation of his*
20 *employees, whether or not the employees pay for the transportation.*
21 SEC. 2. NRS 706.281 is hereby amended to read as follows:
22 706.281 1. In addition to any identifying device provided for in
23 this chapter, each motor vehicle [coming] within the provisions of

(REPRINTED WITH ADOPTED AMENDMENTS)

SECOND REPRINT

A. B. 222

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 222—ASSEMBLYMAN WEISE

JANUARY 26, 1979

Referred to Committee on Taxation

SUMMARY—Exempts all emergency vehicles operated by volunteer fire departments from registration fees. (BDR 43-963)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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

AN ACT relating to motor vehicle registration; exempting from registration fees all emergency vehicles operated by volunteer fire departments and volunteer ambulance services based in this state, and vehicles used exclusively for the benefit of the elderly or handicapped; 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 371.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 371.100 1. The privilege tax imposed by this chapter does not
3 apply to vehicles owned by the United States, the State of Nevada, any
4 political subdivision of the State of Nevada, or any county, municipal
5 corporation, city, unincorporated town or school district in the State
6 of Nevada [.] , or to vehicles for whose operation money is provided
7 by the state or Federal Government and which are operated solely for
8 the transportation of or furnishing services to elderly or handicapped
9 persons, or to the emergency vehicles owned by any volunteer fire depart-
10 ment or volunteer ambulance service based in this state.
11 2. Any vehicle which ceases to be used exclusively for the purpose
12 for which it is exempted from the privilege tax by this section becomes
13 immediately subject to that tax.
14 3. Vehicles exempted from the privilege tax by this section which
15 are leased, loaned or otherwise made available to and used by a private
16 individual, association or corporation in connection with a business con-
17 ducted for profit are subject to taxation in the same amount and to the
18 same extent as though the lessee or user were the owner of such vehicle.
19 SEC. 2. NRS 482.368 is hereby amended to read as follows:
20 482.368 1. Except as provided in subsection 2, the department shall
21 provide suitable distinguishing plates for exempt vehicles. These plates

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