

The meeting was called to order at 2:11 p.m. in Room 323 in the Legislative Building.

Senator Blakemore in the Chair.

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

OTHERS

PRESENT: Assemblywoman Sue Wagner  
Sharon Alcamo, Department of Motor Vehicles  
John Ciardella, Department of Motor Vehicles  
John Holmes, an individual

A.B. 117 MAKES CERTAIN MINORS ELIGIBLE FOR IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR PERSONS WITHOUT DRIVERS' LICENSES.

Assemblywoman Sue Wagner spoke on A.B. 117. She stated that A.B. 117 would reduce the age of eligibility for identification cards issued to non-drivers to 10 years of age. She said that kids are people too and they need valid ID cards for check cashing purposes, deposits or other identification purposes. Babysitters, newspaper deliverers and other youthful entrepreneurs cannot cash checks received in payment for their services without the help of an adult. At the present time the age limit is 18 to get an identification card. She stated that the form of the card would be similar to a driver's license but would be distinguishable in color and, if under 21, would be a profile-view photograph rather than a front view to distinguish between the ages. She said that probably around 1,000 children would take advantage of this in 1980 and 1,100 in 1981. Mrs. Wagner said that the fiscal note would be less than \$2,000 for 1979-80, and \$1,100 in 1980-81 but fees collected would estimate at \$6,500 in 1980 and \$6,700 in 1981.

Sharon Alcamo, Department of Motor Vehicles, said that last year they issued about 3,400 identification cards for non-driving adults.

Senator McCorkle asked Mrs. Wagner if she knew that a raise in the fee for drivers' licenses is being considered in Senate Finance. She said she did not know that.

Senator Hernstadt asked if, since a higher fee is being considered, the ID cards couldn't be issued for less since there is no eye test, driving test or a written test involved. Mrs. Alcamo said that the way the law is presently written the same fee is charged for both. The processing time is not as much as far as testing is concerned but the administrative and license-producing process costs the same.

Senator Blakemore asked Mrs. Wagner if she would be amenable to cutting down the charge for ID's to whatever the cost might be to produce them. Mrs. Wagner said she would be amenable.

Senator Blakemore asked Mrs. Alcamo if she would figure the cost based upon processing and producing ID's. Mrs. Alcamo said she would.

Senator Jacobsen asked Mrs. Wagner if, since the younger age group has a tendency to lose anything that is in their pockets, ~~some~~ provision should be made for replacement. Mrs. Wagner said that there is a provision for this, in fact, the way the bill is drafted now it would be the same fee for the original, duplicate or changed ID. She said that obviously someone between the ages of 10 and 16 is going to change in appearance and would want to change their ID card, but the fee schedule has been established based upon the current driver's license fee.

Mrs. Alcamo added that in the law that actually exists now it gives provisions for an ID remaining valid until something substantial changes such as appearance or address then a new card should be issued. She said the AADMA suggest a four-year renewal for identification cards.

Senator Ashworth asked Mrs. Wagner if she would have any objection to a four-year renewal for identification cards for lower ages. Mrs. Wagner replied that she thought it would have to be across the board and if the cost were reasonable, she would be supportive.

Chairman Blakemore closed the hearing on A.B. 117.

A.B. 468 AUTHORIZES PERSONALIZED PLATES FOR MOTORCYCLES.

John Ciardella, Department of Motor Vehicles, spoke on A.B. 468. He said this is just a one-word change in NRS 482-3667 adding the word "motorcycles." He said there are sufficient dies to cover this change. He felt this would be a revenue getter with probably 400 to 500 more customers for personalized plates. He said these persons would have to comply with the same regulations as customers for personalized automobile plates.

Chairman Blakemore closed the hearing on A.B. 468.

Chairman Blakemore requested more discussion on S.B. 360 which was heard in committee on March 29, 1979 (see Minutes for that date).

John Holmes, an interested individual, spoke in favor of S.B. 360. He said that automotive interests have been his, as a hobby, for many years and the testing aspect especially was important to him. He is a member of a special equipment manufacturers' association, which is mainly for professionals, but he is a member from a hobbyist's standpoint. He said he is currently doing testing of

various devices on automobiles. Mr. Holmes stated that there are some amazing results to be obtained in View of the energy crisis and emission control. He said this bill allows an escape route for experimentalists to modify engines and stay within the law.

Senator McCorkle said he felt there should be some language to protect the confidentiality of the results of testing if it is requested. Mr. Ciardella said there would be no problem with this in the Department of Motor Vehicles but it should be spelled out in the statutes.

S.B. 360 Senator Hernstadt moved that S.B. 360 be passed out of committee with the recommendation: Amend and "Do Pass" as amended.

Seconded by Senator Ashworth.

Motion carried.

Senator Neal was absent.

A.B. 468 Senator Hernstadt moved that A.B. 468 be recommended: "Do Pass."

Seconded by Senator McCorkle.

Motion carried.

Senator Neal was absent.

A.B. 117 The committee decision was that A.B. 117 be held until Mrs. Alcamo could give some idea of what costs would be for identification cards and to give the information to Senator Blakemore before Thursday, April 5, 1979 for further discussion then.

Senator Jacobsen said that the subcommittee appointed to amend S.B. 47 had a report for the committee. He suggested that the bill be amended and moved back into committee for another hearing.

Senator Jacobsen moved that S.B. 47 be amended and returned to committee.

Seconded by Senator McCorkle.

Motion carried.

Senator Neal was absent.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jane A. King, Secretary

APPROVED:

  
Richard E. Blakemore, Chairman

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 468—ASSEMBLYMEN COULTER, SENA,  
BANNER, BEDROSIAN, TANNER, GETTO, MANN AND  
WAGNER

FEBRUARY 26, 1979

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Authorizes personalized plates for motorcycles. (BDR 43-382)

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 vehicle licensing and registration; authorizing personalized plates for motorcycles; 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 482.3667 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 482.3667 1. The department shall establish, design and otherwise  
3 prepare for issue personalized prestige license plates and shall establish all  
4 necessary procedures not inconsistent with this section for the application  
5 and issuance of such license plates.  
6 2. The department shall issue personalized prestige license plates,  
7 upon payment of the prescribed fee, to any person who otherwise complies  
8 with the laws relating to the registration and licensing of motor  
9 vehicles or trailers for use on private passenger cars, *motorcycles*, trucks  
10 having an unladen weight of 6,000 pounds or less, or trailers.  
11 3. Personalized prestige license plates [~~shall be~~] *are* valid for 12  
12 months and are renewable upon expiration. These plates may be trans-  
13 ferred from one vehicle or trailer to another if the transfer and registra-  
14 tion fees are paid as set out in this chapter. Any person transferring plates  
15 shall be allowed a 1/12 reduction in fees for each calendar month  
16 remaining unused from the previous registration, applicable to the fees  
17 which are for the registration year for which the plates are being trans-  
18 ferred.  
19 4. In case of any conflict, the person who first made application for  
20 personalized prestige license plates and has continuously renewed them  
21 by payment of the required fee [~~shall have~~] *has* priority.  
22 5. The department shall limit by regulation the number of letters and  
23 figures used, may by regulation prohibit the use of inappropriate letters  
24 or combinations, and shall not assign to any person not holding the  
25 relevant office any letters and figures denoting that the holder holds a  
26 public office.