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The meeting was called to order at 3:45 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 Lawrence Jacobsen Senator Clifford McCorkle

ABSENT: Senator William Hernstadt

Senator Joe Neal

OTHERS

PRESENT: Chuck Knaus, Nevada Insurance Division

A.B. 819 REQUIRES 30 DAYS' NOTICE OF CERTIFICATE HOLDER BEFORE

CANCELLATION OF INSURANCE ON TAXICABS.

Chairman Blakemore read a letter received from Jim Avance, administrator of the Nevada Taxicab Authority and noted the only change in the bill was to add the certificate holder. (See Exhibit A.)

Chuck Knaus, Nevada Insurance Division, spoke on $\underline{A.B.}$ 819 and said he saw no problem with the bill.

Senator Ashworth moved that A.B. 819 be recommended: "Do Pass."

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried unanimously.

A.J.R. 37 MEMORIALIZES CONGRESS TO REMOVE CERTAIN OBSTACLES TO DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON GASOLINE INVENTORIES.

Chairman Blakemore said this resolution is self-explanatory.

Senator Jacobsen said he felt this bill was irrelevant; he did not know what it would develop. He said that any information, by the time it was obtained, would already be obsolete and on a national basis, it's almost an impossibility.

Senator McCorkle thought it would create credibility, which is missing now, in the public's understanding of the supply and price of petroleum fuels.

The Chair ruled that A.J.R. 37 be held in committee.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane A. King, Secretary

APPROVED:

Richard E. Blakemore, Chairman



STATE OF NEVADA
TAXICAS AUTHORITY

May 16, 1979

JACK L. JAMES CHARRAR

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JAMES J. AVANCE

Senator Blakemore State of Nevada Legislature Transportation Committee Legislative Counsel Building Carson City, Nevada 89701

Re: A. B. 819

Dear Senator:

ROBERT LIST

GOVERNOR

Attached is a copy of A. B. 819. In the event it came through the Assembly Transportation Committee unchanged, we are in support of it in accordance with the attached bill.

During the past year, the taxicab industry in Clark County has on two occasions, had insurance policies cancelled affecting one of the 12 taxicab certificate holders. The company received notice of the cancellation within 10 days of the date of cancellation. This creates a difficult situation for the companies to obtain replacement insurance on such a short notice.

Currently, NRS 706.8828 requires that insurance companies must notify the administrator of the Taxicab Authority at least 30 days prior to cancellation. A. B. 819 was introduced by one of the insurance carriers to require the same notice be given to the company.

Very truly yours,

James J. Avance,

Administrator

JJA/s

Attachment: A. B. 819

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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 819—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

MAY 3, 1979

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Requires 30 days' notice to certificate holder before cancellation of insurance on taxicabs. (BDR 58-2004)

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 taxicabs; requiring an insurer to provide a certificate holder with 30 days' notice before canceling insurance; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. NRS 706.8828 is hereby amended to read as follows: 706.8828 1. A certificate holder shall file with the administrator, and keep in effect at all times, a policy of insurance with an insurance company licensed to do business in the State of Nevada. 2. The insurance policy specified in subsection 1 [shall:] must:

(a) Provide the following coverage:

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- For injury to two or more persons in any one accident.... 300,000

(b) Contain a clause which states substantially that the insurance carrier may only cancel the policy upon 30 days' written notice to the certificate holder and administrator; and

(c) Contain such other notice provisions as may be required by law to be given to the certificate holder.

3. If an insurance policy is canceled, the certificate holder shall not operate or cause to be operated any taxicab that was covered by [such] the policy until other insurance is furnished.

4. A certificate holder to whom the drivers' license division of the department of motor vehicles has issued a certificate of self-insurance may self-insure the first \$50,000, combined single-limit, per accident, of the coverage required by subsection 2.