

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Price, Chairman
 Mr. Polish, Vice Chairman
 Mr. Beyer
 Mr. DuBois
 Mr. Glover
 Mr. Prengaman
 Mrs. Westall

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Mello, Excused
 Mr. Schofield, Excused

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Price was in the Chair.

AB 160 Requires identification of owner of certain vehicles exempt from registration.

Assemblyman Robert E. Robinson, Clark County, District 8, testified that he had introduced this measure at the request of a constituent. The individual was hit by a construction-type vehicle and the driver of the vehicle was not aware he had hit anyone and drove off. The injured party tried to track down the vehicle but because there was no identification, license plate or registration number, he could not. Therefore, he was requesting some sort of identification be affixed to vehicles being transported.

Darryl Capurro, Managing Director, Nevada Motor Transport Association, stated that he was not opposed to the measure but wanted the committee to bear in mind that "special mobile equipment" is a category that could include various types of equipment that may not lend itself to some sort of fixed identification, particularly in the front or rear. He suggested deleting the portion regarding the area in which the identification must be affixed and leave it that it has to be identified in some manner.

In response to a question from the committee, Mr. Capurro suggested doing something similar to the registration program for automobile dealers. A number is assigned to a certain firm and the plate would be used only when the vehicle is in transport.

George Tackett, Administration Manager, Public Affairs, Nevada Bell, shared Mr. Capurro's concern. He also submitted an amendment (attached as Exhibit I) which he felt more completely addressed all situations of transport and/or use on a public highway. It was his opinion that if the equipment were working along side the highway, it may be considered that it is not on the road whereas "parked" would cover that situation.

Hale Bennett, Chief of Registration, Department of Motor Vehicles, responding to a question from the committee as to the cost and administration of establishing a program such as the one suggested by Mr. Capurro, stated that plates cost 91¢ a piece, plus additional costs for administration, paperwork, forms, etc. The automobile dealer plates are \$25 for the annual license fee plus \$5.50 a piece for the plates. He felt there would be no problem from his standpoint in establishing a similar program for special equipment transport plates.

Mr. Glover stated that such a program would be difficult for small operators or farmers who may only move their equipment once a year at most. Technically, every farmer and rancher would have to comply with this or be in violation of the law. He didn't believe there was a sufficiently large problem to necessitate such legislation.

Mr. Price stated that he would look into an amendment which would allow the Department of Motor Vehicles to establish a registration program.

No action was taken at this time.

AB 108 Requires registration of motor vehicle operated by resident with permission of nonresident owner.

Hale Bennett, Chief of Registration, Department of Motor Vehicles, informed the committee that this was an administration bill which requires residents of Nevada, who are driving vehicles owned by non-residents, to register those vehicles here.

Mr. Glover stated that he was aware of a large number of people who do this specifically to avoid the mandatory insurance requirement of Nevada.

Darryl Capurro, Managing Director, Nevada Motor Transport Association, questioned the definition of "resident."

Mr. Glover stated that there have been some real problems, particularly in the Assembly Committee on Elections, in trying to define "resident."

Vergil Anderson, AAA, agreed with Mr. Glover regarding the difficulty of defining "resident." He stated that residency depended upon two things: physical presence within the state and intent. He felt the committee should stay with the present language using evidentiary things such as employment, registration to vote, etc.



He further submitted a proposed amendment (attached as Exhibit II). It was his opinion that the way the bill is presently written, a one-time usage of a vehicle in Nevada would necessitate registration. His amendment would specify that the use be continuous for a period of 45 days.

Mrs. Westall felt that the amendment may be a little more clear if "his sole and" were deleted and "the" inserted.

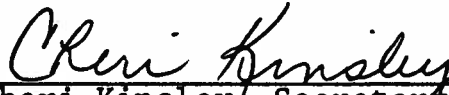
Following a brief discussion, Mrs. Westall moved to adopt the proposed amendment with the deletion of "his sole and" and insertion of "the" and to pass the bill out of committee and an "amend and do pass" recommendation.

Seconded by Mr. Glover.

Motion carried unanimously. Messrs. Mello and Schofield were absent from the vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheri Kinsley, Secretary
Assembly Transportation Committee

ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Monday

Date March 9, 1981 Time 5:00 p.m. Room 214

Bills or Resolutions
to be considered

Subject

Counsel
requested*

AB 108

Requires registration of motor vehicle operated by resident with permission of nonresident owner.

AB 160

Requires identification of owner of certain vehicles exempt from registration.

*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.



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AMENDMENT TO NEVADA ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 160

Amendment No. 1

On page 1, line 3, of the printed bill after "used"
insert ", parked or trailered"

2/27/81

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
ASSEMBLY BILL 108

On page 2, lines 4 through 6, amend as follows:

4. Any resident operating a motor vehicle upon a highway of this state, which is owned by a nonresident and which is furnished to such resident operator for ~~his~~ *The* sole and continuous use within this state, shall register this vehicle within 45 days after beginning its operation within this state.

Note: Underlined language is new.

Rationale:

As drafted, the singular or occasional driving of a non-resident owned vehicle by a resident of Nevada would be a violation of law. The proposed language would clarify that such operation should be on a continuing basis in order to invoke the registration sanction.

Query:

As drafted this also states that the resident non-owner shall register the vehicle. How could he or she do this when the title is held by the non-resident owner?