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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 359—ASSEMBLYMEN ANGLE, KNECHT,  
ANDONOV, BROWN, CARPENTER, GOICOECHEA,  
GUSTAVSON, MANENDO, MARVEL, MORTENSON, SHERER  
AND WEBER

MARCH 17, 2003

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS NEAL, NOLAN, SHAFFER  
AND WASHINGTON

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises provisions regarding certain fleets to  
authorize use of certain additives for motor vehicle  
fuel. (BDR 43-800)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; revising provisions regarding  
certain fleets to authorize the use of certain additives for  
motor vehicle fuel; 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 486A of NRS is hereby amended by  
2 adding thereto a new section to read as follows:  
3     *“Fuel additive” means a product added to motor vehicle fuel to*  
4 *reduce the production of contaminants by a motor vehicle and*  
5 *enhance the fuel efficiency of a motor vehicle.*  
6     **Sec. 2.** NRS 486A.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
7     486A.010 The Legislature finds that:  
8     1. Protection of the State’s environment, particularly the  
9 quality of its air, requires a reduction, especially in metropolitan



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1 areas, of the contaminants resulting from the combustion of  
2 conventional fuels in motor vehicles.

3 2. A very large proportion of these contaminants results from  
4 the burning of liquid and gaseous fuels to operate trucks and buses,  
5 many of which are operated in fleets. Each fuel can be evaluated as  
6 to the air pollution it causes when burned in motor vehicles.

7 3. Conversion of these fleets to use cleaner-burning alternative  
8 fuels can reduce contaminants sufficiently to permit the continued  
9 use of conventional fuels in individually owned motor vehicles, but  
10 such conversion is feasible only if sufficient financial assistance is  
11 provided to the owners of fleets.

12 *4. The use of fuel additives in these fleets can reduce the*  
13 *production of contaminants by and enhance the fuel efficiency of*  
14 *motor vehicles, thereby protecting the quality of the State's*  
15 *environment.*

16 **Sec. 3.** NRS 486A.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
17 486A.020 As used in NRS 486A.010 to 486A.180, inclusive,  
18 *and section 1 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, the  
19 words and terms defined in NRS 486A.030 to 486A.130, inclusive,  
20 *and section 1 of this act*, have the meanings ascribed to them in  
21 those sections.

22 **Sec. 4.** NRS 486A.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
23 486A.150 The Commission shall adopt regulations necessary  
24 to carry out the provisions of NRS 486A.010 to 486A.180,  
25 inclusive, including, but not limited to, regulations concerning:

26 1. Standards and requirements for alternative fuel. The  
27 Commission shall not discriminate against any product that is  
28 petroleum based.

29 2. *The use of fuel additives in fleets. The Commission shall*  
30 *not discriminate against any product that is composed of blended*  
31 *organic aromatic esters containing no metallic or toxic air*  
32 *contaminants.*

33 3. The conversion of fleets to use alternative fuels if the fleet is  
34 operated in a county whose population is 100,000 or more.

35 ~~3.~~ 4. Standards for alternative fuel injection systems for  
36 diesel motor vehicles.

37 ~~4.~~ 5. Standards for levels of emissions from motor vehicles  
38 that are converted to use alternative fuels.

39 ~~5.~~ 6. The establishment of a procedure for approving  
40 exemptions to the requirements of NRS 486A.010 to 486A.180,  
41 inclusive.

42 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

