
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 518—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

MARCH 24, 2003

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Temporarily prohibits increase in number of limousines in operation and directs legislative study of issues relating to allocation of limousines. (BDR S-1102)

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

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

AN ACT relating to limousines; temporarily prohibiting the Transportation Services Authority from approving certain applications relating to certificates of public convenience and necessity for the operation of limousines; temporarily prohibiting fully regulated carriers from increasing the number of limousines which they operate; directing the Legislative Commission to conduct a study of issues relating to the allocation of limousines; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

1 WHEREAS, The taxi and limousine industries are vital and
2 necessary components of the tourism industry in Nevada; and

3 WHEREAS, These industries have faced serious challenges, both
4 operationally and economically, over the past few years as a result
5 of the events of September 11, 2001; and

6 WHEREAS, The excessive number of limousines has been
7 negatively affecting the integrity and viability of the limousine
8 industry as a whole in this state and is now also negatively affecting
9 the taxi industry, as well as causing conflict between taxi and
10 limousine drivers and companies which could result in damage to
11 the tourism industries; and

12 WHEREAS, The owners of a great majority of the limousines and
13 taxis operating in Southern Nevada are in agreement that significant
14 damage to the tourism industry and the viability of both the taxi and



1 limousine industries could occur absent legislative action and study;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, There is also a general consensus that additional
4 limousines authorized to existing operators or to new companies
5 cannot be justified given the current saturation of the market and, in
6 fact, would cause serious threat to the stability of both industries;
7 now, therefore

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9 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
10 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:
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12 **Section 1.** 1. For the period beginning on the effective date
13 of this act and ending on July 1, 2005, the Transportation Services
14 Authority shall not approve any application for:

15 (a) A new certificate of public convenience and necessity for the
16 operation of a livery or traditional limousine.

17 (b) The modification of a certificate of public convenience and
18 necessity issued to a fully regulated carrier of passengers for the
19 operation of a livery or traditional limousine if the application for
20 modification is to increase the number of limousines to be operated
21 pursuant to the certificate of public convenience and necessity.

22 2. A certificate of public convenience and necessity for the
23 operation of a livery or traditional limousine issued to a fully
24 regulated carrier of passengers by the Transportation Services
25 Authority is void and revoked to the extent that the carrier has not
26 purchased before the effective date of this act each authorized
27 limousine covered by the certificate of public convenience and
28 necessity. The Transportation Services Authority shall amend the
29 certificate of public convenience and necessity issued to each fully
30 regulated carrier in accordance with this subsection to ensure that
31 each such certificate of public convenience and necessity accurately
32 reflects the number of limousines in actual operation on the
33 effective date of this act.

34 3. As used in this section:

35 (a) "Fully regulated carrier" has the meaning ascribed to it in
36 NRS 706.072.

37 (b) "Livery limousine" means a motor vehicle that is engaged in
38 the general transportation of persons for compensation and not
39 operated on a regular schedule or over regular routes and:

40 (1) Was a light truck, as that term is defined in 49 C.F.R. §
41 523.5, at the time of its manufacture; or

42 (2) Was originally manufactured as having a capacity of 9 or
43 more persons but less than 16 persons, including the driver.



1 (c) "Traditional limousine" means a motor vehicle that is
2 engaged in the general transportation of persons for compensation
3 and not operated on a regular schedule or over regular routes and:

4 (1) Was a passenger automobile, as that term is defined in 49
5 C.F.R. § 523.4, at the time of its manufacture and was later modified
6 to increase its length; or

7 (2) Has a capacity of less than nine persons, including the
8 driver.

9 **Sec. 2.** 1. The Legislative Commission is hereby directed to
10 appoint an interim committee, composed of three members of the
11 Assembly and three members of the Senate, one of whom must be
12 appointed as Chairman of the committee, to conduct a study of
13 issues relating to the allocation of limousines. In addition:

14 (a) The Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the
15 Assembly shall each appoint two nonvoting members to the
16 committee who represent certificated owners of limousines in this
17 state.

18 (b) The Chairman of the Transportation Services Authority, or
19 his designee, shall serve as a nonvoting member of the committee.

20 2. The committee shall hold at least eight meetings in
21 conducting this study. The committee shall consider:

22 (a) Whether an allocation system is appropriate for the issuance
23 of certificates of public convenience and necessity for limousines;

24 (b) Whether the budgetary needs of the Transportation Services
25 Authority are being met at a level that will ensure optimum
26 regulation of limousines, combined with an assessment of the
27 probable effect on operators of any additional regulatory fees; and

28 (c) Such other issues regarding the regulation of limousines as
29 the committee deems appropriate.

30 3. Any recommended legislation proposed by the committee
31 must be approved by a majority of the members of the Senate and a
32 majority of the members of the Assembly appointed to the
33 committee.

34 4. The Legislative Commission shall submit a report of the
35 results of the study and any recommendations for legislation to the
36 73rd Session of the Nevada Legislature.

37 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

