

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 262—ASSEMBLYMAN WATTS

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Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to state-owned vehicles. (BDR 27-124)

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 state purchasing; requiring, to the extent practicable, certain state agencies to give preference to the purchase of certain vehicles and fuels; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law sets forth certain requirements for the purchase of automobiles by
2 any department, office, bureau, officer or employee of the State. (NRS 334.010)
3 Existing law establishes the Fleet Services Division of the Department of
4 Administration and authorizes the Governor to assign any state-owned vehicle to
5 the Division. (NRS 232.213, 336.060) **Section 1** of this bill requires, to the extent
6 practicable, each department, office, bureau, officer or employee of the State, when
7 purchasing an automobile, to give preference to automobiles that minimize: (1)
8 emissions; and (2) the total cost of the automobile over the service life of the
9 automobile.

10 **Section 1** also requires each department, office, bureau, officer or employee of
11 the State to: (1) give preference to the purchase of motor vehicle fuel blended with
12 ethanol, to the extent practicable; (2) if purchasing an automobile that uses diesel
13 fuel, ensure that the automobile is capable of using biodiesel fuel blends containing
14 not less than 20 percent by volume of biodiesel fuel; and (3) maintain records on
15 the type of fuel used by each automobile purchased by the department, office,
16 bureau, officer or employee. **Section 2** of this bill also requires the Executive
17 Officer of the Division to maintain such records for all state-owned vehicles
18 assigned to the Division.

19 **Section 2.5** of this bill declares that it is the policy of this State to pursue and
20 support a transition of all publicly-owned vehicles to vehicles which emit zero
21 tailpipe emissions by 2050.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 334.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 334.010 1. No automobile may be purchased by any
3 department, office, bureau, officer or employee of the State without
4 prior written consent of the State Board of Examiners.

5 2. All such automobiles must be used for official purposes
6 only.

7 3. All such automobiles, except:

8 (a) Automobiles maintained for and used by the Governor;

9 (b) Automobiles used by or under the authority and direction of
10 the Chief Parole and Probation Officer, the State Contractors' Board
11 and auditors, the State Fire Marshal, the Investigation Division of
12 the Department of Public Safety, the investigators of the Nevada
13 Gaming Control Board, the investigators of the Securities Division
14 of the Office of the Secretary of State and the investigators of the
15 Attorney General;

16 (c) One automobile used by the Department of Corrections;

17 (d) Two automobiles used by the Caliente Youth Center;

18 (e) Three automobiles used by the Nevada Youth Training
19 Center; and

20 (f) Four automobiles used by the Youth Parole Bureau of the
21 Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health
22 and Human Services,

23 ➤ must be labeled by painting the words "State of Nevada" and
24 "For Official Use Only" on the automobiles in plain lettering. The
25 Director of the Department of Administration or a representative of
26 the Director shall prescribe the size and location of the label for all
27 such automobiles.

28 4. *In accordance with the provisions of chapter 333 of NRS,*
29 *each department, office, bureau, officer or employee of the State*
30 *shall:*

31 (a) *To the extent practicable, give preference to the purchase*
32 *of automobiles which minimize:*

33 (1) *Emissions from the automobile; and*

34 (2) *The total costs of the automobile over the service life of*
35 *the automobile, which may include, without limitation, fuel costs,*
36 *maintenance costs and any rebates or financial incentives offered*
37 *for the purchase of the automobile;*

38 (b) *To the extent practicable, purchase motor vehicle fuel*
39 *blended with ethanol, including, without limitation, gasoline,*
40 *biodiesel and biomass-based diesel blends for use in the*
41 *automobile; and*



1 (c) *If purchasing an automobile powered by diesel fuel, ensure*
2 *that the vehicle is capable of using biodiesel fuel blends comprised*
3 *of not less than 20 percent by volume of biodiesel fuel.*

4 5. *Each department, office, bureau, officer or employee of the*
5 *State shall maintain records on the type of fuel used by each*
6 *automobile purchased by the department, office, bureau, officer or*
7 *employee, which may include, without limitation, electric,*
8 *gasoline, compressed natural gas, diesel, hydrogen or hybrid fuel*
9 *sources.*

10 6. Any officer or employee of the State of Nevada who violates
11 any provision of ~~[this section]~~ *subsection 1, 2 or 3* is guilty of a
12 misdemeanor.

13 7. *As used in this section:*

14 (a) *“Biodiesel” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 590.070.*

15 (b) *“Biomass-based diesel blend” has the meaning ascribed to*
16 *it in NRS 590.070.*

17 **Sec. 2.** NRS 336.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 336.080 The Executive Officer shall:

19 1. Be responsible for proper maintenance and storage of all
20 vehicles assigned to the Fleet Services Division.

21 2. Maintain records ~~[to]~~ :

22 (a) *To show the location and operating and maintenance costs of*
23 *vehicles assigned to the Fleet Services Division* ~~[]~~ ; *and*

24 (b) *Of the type of fuel used by each vehicle assigned to the*
25 *Fleet Services Division, which may include, without limitation,*
26 *electric, gasoline, compressed natural gas, diesel, hydrogen or*
27 *hybrid fuel sources.*

28 **Sec. 2.5.** 1. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:

29 (a) The “Nevada Statewide Greenhouse Gas Emissions
30 Inventory and Projections, 1990-2042” indicates that the
31 transportation sector is the top source of greenhouse gas emissions
32 in this State, making up nearly 32 percent of Nevada’s emissions in
33 2020.

34 (b) The American Lung Association’s annual report, “State of
35 the Air.” has repeatedly ranked Las Vegas and Reno among the top
36 25 most polluted cities in terms of air quality, and transportation is a
37 primary contributor to smog-forming pollution and particulate
38 matter linked to lung disease and other serious health conditions.

39 (c) The State of Nevada spends billions of dollars each year to
40 purchase out-of-state fossil fuels, which makes residents of this
41 State vulnerable to the volatility of oil prices and increases the risk
42 of disruptions in the event of a natural disaster.

43 (d) Nevada has immense potential to use local clean energy
44 resources to power transportation in this State, furthering its energy
45 independence.



1 (e) Zero emissions technologies now provide a viable, cost-
2 effective alternative to many vehicles that run on fossil fuels, and
3 prices are continuing to decline as these technologies mature.

4 (f) For publicly-owned transportation fleets, the transition to
5 electric vehicles can bring considerable cost savings to taxpayers
6 due to lower costs to operate and maintain such vehicles over their
7 lifetimes.

8 2. It is the policy of this State to pursue and support a transition
9 of all publicly-owned, light-duty vehicles to vehicles which emit
10 zero tailpipe emissions by the year 2040, and to transition all
11 publicly-owned, medium- and heavy-duty vehicles to vehicles
12 which emit zero tailpipe emissions by the year 2050.

