

Amendment No. 29

Assembly Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 262	(BDR 27-124)
Proposed by: Assembly Committee on Growth and Infrastructure	
Amends: Summary: No Title: No Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes	

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of green bold underlining is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.



ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 262—ASSEMBLYMAN WATTS

MARCH 7, 2023

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:

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

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

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

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

- Section 1.** NRS 334.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 334.010 1. No automobile may be purchased by any department, office, bureau, officer or employee of the State without prior written consent of the State Board of Examiners.
 - 2. All such automobiles must be used for official purposes only.
 - 3. All such automobiles, except:

1 (a) Automobiles maintained for and used by the Governor;
 2 (b) Automobiles used by or under the authority and direction of the Chief
 3 Parole and Probation Officer, the State Contractors' Board and auditors, the State
 4 Fire Marshal, the Investigation Division of the Department of Public Safety, the
 5 investigators of the Nevada Gaming Control Board, the investigators of the
 6 Securities Division of the Office of the Secretary of State and the investigators of
 7 the Attorney General;

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

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

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

11 (f) Four automobiles used by the Youth Parole Bureau of the Division of Child
 12 and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services,
 13 must be labeled by painting the words "State of Nevada" and "For Official Use
 14 Only" on the automobiles in plain lettering. The Director of the Department of
 15 Administration or a representative of the Director shall prescribe the size and
 16 location of the label for all such automobiles.

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

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

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

22 (2) *The total costs of the automobile over the service life of the*
 23 *automobile, which may include, without limitation, fuel costs, maintenance costs*
 24 *and any rebates or financial incentives offered for the purchase of the*
 25 *automobile;*

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

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

32 5. *Each department, office, bureau, officer or employee of the State shall*
 33 *maintain records on the type of fuel used by each automobile purchased by the*
 34 *department, office, bureau, officer or employee, which may include, without*
 35 *limitation, electric, gasoline, compressed natural gas, diesel, hydrogen or hybrid*
 36 *fuel sources.*

37 6. Any officer or employee of the State of Nevada who violates any provision
 38 of ~~this section~~ subsection 1, 2 or 3 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

39 7. *As used in this section:*

40 (a) *"Biodiesel" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 590.070.*

41 (b) *"Biomass-based diesel blend" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS*
 42 *590.070.*

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

44 336.080 The Executive Officer shall:

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

47 2. Maintain records ~~to~~:

48 (a) *To show the location and operating and maintenance costs of vehicles*
 49 *assigned to the Fleet Services Division ~~to~~; and*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 2. It is the policy of this State to pursue and support a transition of all
23 publicly-owned, light-duty vehicles to vehicles which emit zero tailpipe
24 emissions by the year 2040, and to transition all publicly-owned medium- and
25 heavy-duty vehicles to vehicles which emit zero tailpipe emissions by the year
26 2050.