# Amendment No. 345

Senate Ar	mendment to S		(BDR 43-196)				
Proposed by: Senate Committee on Judiciary							
Amends:	Summary: No	Title: Yes	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 <u>green bold underlining</u> is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) <u>red strikethrough</u> is deleted language in the original bill; (4) <u>purple double strikethrough</u> is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) <u>orange double underlining</u> is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.

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S.B. No. 296—Revises provisions related to traffic stops. (BDR 43-196)

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# SENATE BILL NO. 296–SENATORS D. HARRIS, SPEARMAN, DONATE, OHRENSCHALL; AND NEAL

MARCH 16, 2023

JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN GONZÁLEZ; BROWN-MAY, PETERS, SUMMERS-ARMSTRONG AND WATTS

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions related to traffic stops. (BDR 43-196)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.

Effect on the State: Yes

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

AN ACT relating to traffic stops; prohibiting a peace officer from [stopping a motor vehicle for the sole purpose of determining whether the driver is committing a low-level traffic violation or issuing a citation for such a violation; providing that any evidence acquired by a law enforcement agency during or after such a traffic stop is not admissible as evidence in certain proceedings; requiring law enforcement agencies to adopt a policy relating to the enforcement of low-level traffic] issuing a citation for certain violations [:] relating to motor vehicles, unless the violation is discovered when the vehicle is halted or its driver is arrested for another alleged violation or offense; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

## **Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

[Existing law prohibits a peace officer from stopping a motor vehicle for the sole purpose of determining whether the driver is violating certain provisions of existing law that restrict: (1) the hours during which a driver may operate a motor vehicle; or (2) the transportation of passengers by a driver during the initial period of licensure. (NRS 483.2523, 4842.2525, 484B.907)] Existing law [also] prohibits a peace officer from issuing a citation for certain violations relating to motor vehicles unless the violation is discovered: (1) when the vehicle is halted; or (2) the driver is arrested for another alleged violation or offense. (NRS 482.385, 483.2525, 484B.907, 484D.495, 484D.500) [Section 3 of this bill defines the term "low level traffic violation" to include: (1)] Sections 9.1-9.9 of this bill prohibit a peace officer from issuing a citation for certain violations relating to registration, license plates, permits for unregistered vehicles and equipment [; and (2) certain violations of a speed limit. Sections 4 and 5 of this bill define certain other terms related to low-level traffic violations. Section 11 of this bill makes a conforming change relating to the definition prescribed by section 5. Section 8 of this bill makes a conforming change to indicate the proper placement of sections 3, 4 and 5 in the Nevada Revised Statutes.

Section 6 of this bill prohibits a peace officer from stopping a vehicle for the sole purpose of: (1) determining whether the driver of the motor vehicle is committing a low level traffic violation; or (2) issuing a citation for a low-level traffic violation. Section 6 additionally provides that any evidence acquired by a law enforcement agency as a result of a traffic stop in violation of section 6 is not admissible in a judicial, administrative or other adjudicatory proceeding. Sections 1 and 9 of this bill make conforming changes to reflect the change in section 6.

Section 7 of this bill requires each law enforcement agency to adopt a written policy regarding low level traffic violations which must: (1) comply with the requirements prescribed by section 6; and (2) require that violations that threaten the safety of drivers, pedestrians and other persons be prioritized over low-level traffic violations.] unless the violation is discovered when the vehicle is halted or its driver is arrested for another alleged violation or offense.

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

# Section 1. [NRS 482.385 is hereby amended to read as follows: 482.385 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 5 and 7 and NRS 482.390 and 482.3961, a nonresident owner of a vehicle of a type subject to registration pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, owning any vehicle which has been registered for the current year in the state, country or other place of which the owner is a resident and which at all times when operated in this State has displayed upon it the registration license plate issued for the vehicle in the place of

displayed upon it the registration license plate issued for the vehicle in the place of residence of the owner, may operate or permit the operation of the vehicle within this State without its registration in this State pursuant to the provisions of this chapter and without the payment of any registration fees to this State:

- (a) For a period of not more than 30 days in the aggregate in any 1 calendar year; and
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a), during any period in which the owner is:
- (1) On active duty in the military service of the United States:
  - (2) An out-of-state student:
- (3) Registered as a student at a college or university located outside this State and who is in the State for a period of not more than 6 months to participate in a work-study program for which the student earns academic credits from the college or university; or
  - (4) A migrant or seasonal farm worker.
  - 2. This section does not:
- (a) Prohibit the use of manufacturers', distributors' or dealers' license plates issued by any state or country by any nonresident in the operation of any vehicle on the public highways of this State.
- (b) Require registration of vehicles of a type subject to registration pursuant to the provisions of this chapter operated by nonresident common motor carriers of persons or property, contract motor carriers of persons or property, or private motor carriers of property as stated in NRS 482.390.
  - (e) Require registration of a vehicle operated by a border state employee.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, when a person, formerly a nonresident, becomes a resident of this State, the person shall:
  - (a) Within 30 days after becoming a resident; or
    - (b) At the time he or she obtains a driver's license,

- 4. [A citation may be issued pursuant to subsection 1, 3 or 5 only if the violation is discovered when the vehicle is halted or its driver arrested for another alleged violation or offense.] The Department shall maintain or cause to be maintained a list or other record of persons who fail to comply with the provisions of subsection 3 and shall, at least once each month, provide a copy of that list or record to the Department of Public Safety.
- 5. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and NRS 482.3961, a resident or nonresident owner of a vehicle of a type subject to registration pursuant to the provisions of this chapter who engages in a trade, profession or occupation or accepts gainful employment in this State or who enrolls his or her children in a public school in this State shall, within 30 days after the commencement of such employment or enrollment, apply for the registration of each vehicle the person owns which is operated in this State. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to a nonresident who is:
- (a) On active duty in the military service of the United States;
- (b) An out-of-state student;

- (c) Registered as a student at a college or university located outside this State and who is in the State for a period of not more than 6 months to participate in a work study program for which the student earns academic credits from the college or university; or
- (d) A migrant or seasonal farm worker.
- 6. A person who violates the provisions of subsection 1, 3 or 5 is guilty of a misdemeanor and, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, shall be punished by a fine of \$1,000. [The fine imposed pursuant to this subsection is in addition to any fine or penalty imposed for the other alleged violation or offense for which the vehicle was halted or its driver arrested pursuant to subsection 4.] The fine imposed pursuant to this subsection may be reduced to not less than \$200 if the person presents evidence at the time of the hearing that the person has registered the vehicle pursuant to this chapter.
- 7. Any resident operating upon a highway of this State a motor vehicle which is owned by a nonresident and which is furnished to the resident operator for his or her continuous use within this State, shall cause that vehicle to be registered within 30 days after beginning its operation within this State.
- 8. A person registering a vehicle pursuant to the provisions of subsection 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9 or pursuant to NRS 482.390:
- (a) Must be assessed the registration fees and governmental services tax, as required by the provisions of this chapter and chapter 371 of NRS; and
- (b) Must not be allowed credit on those taxes and fees for the unused months of the previous registration.
- 9. If a vehicle is used in this State for a gainful purpose, the owner shall immediately apply to the Department for registration, except as otherwise provided in NRS 482.390, 482.395, 482.3961 and 706.801 to 706.861, inclusive.
- 10. An owner registering a vehicle pursuant to the provisions of this section shall surrender the existing nonresident license plates and registration certificates to the Department for cancellation.
- 11. A vehicle may be cited for a violation of this section regardless of whether it is in operation or is parked on a highway, in a public parking lot or on

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       or operator of the vehicle, the peace officer issuing the citation determines that:
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           (a) The owner of the vehicle is a resident of this State;
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           (b) The vehicle is used in this State for a gainful purpose;
           (e) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of subsection 1, the owner of
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       30 days in the aggregate in any 1 calendar year; or
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           12. A constable may issue a citation for a violation of this section only if the
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       vehicle is located in his or her township at the time the citation is issued.
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       amendment.)
           Sec. 2. Chapter 484A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the
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       provisions set forth as sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of this act.] (Deleted by
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       amendment.)
                    ["Low-level traffic violation" means a violation of:
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           Sec. 3.
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       motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer:
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          2. NRS 482,275, unless there is no license plate which is visible attached to
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       the rear of the motor vehicle:
               Subsection 1, 3 or 5 of NRS 482.385;
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               NRS 182.396, if the permit is in an incorrect but visible location;
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               NRS 484B,600, if the violation is not more than 5 miles over the posted
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       speed limit and does not occur in a pedestrian safety zone, a temporary traffic
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       control zone, a school zone or a school crossing zone;
               NRS 484D.110 to 484D.125, inclusive, if only one headlamp, tail lamp.
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       reflector or stop lamp is broken;
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               NRS 484D 500: or
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                A law or ordinance relating to a damaged or defective bumper.
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       (Deleted by amendment.)
           Sec. 4. ["School crossing zone" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS
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       484B.060. (Deleted by amendment.)
           Sec. 5. ["School zone" means those sections of streets which are adjacent
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       to school property.] (Deleted by amendment.)
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           Sec. 6.
                    [1. A peace officer shall not stop a motor vehicle for the sole
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       level traffic violation; or
           (b) Issuing a citation for a low level traffic violation.
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           2. Any evidence acquired by a law enforcement agency during or after a
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       evidence acquired with the consent of the driver, is not admissible in, and must
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       not be disclosed in, a judicial, administrative or other adjudicatory proceeding.
           3. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a peace officer who
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       observes a low level traffic violation or suspected low level traffic violation from:
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           (b) Issuing an oral or written warning concerning a low level traffic
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       violation during a stop that is otherwise authorized by law; or
           (c) Issuing a citation for a low level traffic violation during a stop that is
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       otherwise authorized by law.] (Deleted by amendment.)
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private property which is open to the public if, after communicating with the owner

- Sec. 7. Each law enforcement agency shall adopt a written policy 2 regarding low-level traffic violations. Any such policy must: 3 <del>- 1. Comply with the requirements prescribed by section 6 of this act; and</del> 4 2. Require that violations that threaten the safety of drivers, pedestrians and 5 other persons be prioritized over low-level traffic violations.] (Deleted by 6 amendment.) Sec. 8. NRS 484A.010 is hereby amended to read as follows: 7 8 484A.010 As used in chapters 484A to 484E, inclusive, of NRS, unless the 9 context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 484A.015 to 10 484A.320, inclusive, and sections 3,4 and 5 of this act have the meanings ascribed 11 to them in those sections.] (Deleted by amendment.) Sec. 9. [NRS-484D.500 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12 13 484D.500 1. Any passenger 18 years of age or older who rides in the front or back seat of any taxicab on any highway, road or street in this State shall wear a 14 15 safety belt if one is available for the seating position of the passenger, except that 16 this subsection does not apply: 17 (a) To a passenger who possesses a written statement by a physician or an advanced practice registered nurse certifying that the passenger is unable to wear a 18 19 safety belt for medical or physical reasons; or (b) If the taxicab was not required by federal law at the time of initial sale to be 20 21 equipped with safety belts. 2. A citation must be issued to any passenger who violates the provisions of 22 23 subsection 1. [A citation may be issued pursuant to this subsection only if the violation is discovered when the vehicle is halted or its driver arrested for another 24 alleged violation or offense.] Any person who violates the provisions of subsection 2.5 26 1 shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$25 or by a sentence to perform a 27 certain number of hours of community service. 3. A violation of subsection 1: 28 29 (a) Is not a moving traffic violation under NRS 483.473. (b) May be considered as negligence or as causation in any civil action or as 30 31 negligent or reckless driving under NRS 484B.653. (c) May be considered as misuse or abuse of a product or as causation in any 32 action brought to recover damages for injury to a person or property resulting from 33 34 the manufacture, distribution, sale or use of a product. 4. An owner or operator of a taxicab shall post a sign within each of his or her 35 taxicabs advising passengers that they must wear safety belts while being 36 37 transported by the taxicab. Such a sign must be placed within the taxicab so as to be 38 visible to and easily readable by passengers, except that this subsection does not apply if the taxicab was not required by federal law at the time of initial sale to be 39 40 equipped with safety belts.] (Deleted by amendment.) 41 Sec. 9.1. NRS 482.205 is hereby amended to read as follows: 482.205 1. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter and NRS 706.188, 42 43 every owner of a motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer intended to be operated upon any highway in this State shall, before the motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer can
  - registration thereof. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a citation may be issued for a violation of subsection 1 only if the violation is discovered when the vehicle is halted or its driver is arrested for another alleged violation or offense.

be operated, apply to the Department or a registered dealer for and obtain the

- 3. The provisions of subsection 2 do not apply if the registration of the motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer has been expired for more than 60 days.
  - Sec. 9.3. NRS 482.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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The license plates for a motor vehicle other than a motorcycle, moped or motor vehicle being transported by a licensed vehicle transporter must be attached thereto, one in the rear and, except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, one in the front. The license plate issued for all other vehicles required to be registered must be attached to the rear of the vehicle. The license plates must be so displayed during the current calendar year or registration period.

2. If the motor vehicle was not manufactured to include a bracket, device or other contrivance to display and secure a front license plate, and if the manufacturer of the motor vehicle provided no other means or method by which a front license

plate may be displayed upon and secured to the motor vehicle:

(a) One license plate must be attached to the motor vehicle in the rear; and

(b) The other license plate may, at the option of the owner of the vehicle, be attached to the motor vehicle in the front.

- 3. The provisions of subsection 2 do not relieve the Department of the duty to issue a set of two license plates as otherwise required pursuant to NRS 482.265 or other applicable law and do not entitle the owner of a motor vehicle to pay a reduced tax or fee in connection with the registration or transfer of the motor vehicle. If the owner of a motor vehicle, in accordance with the provisions of subsection 2, exercises the option to attach a license plate only to the rear of the motor vehicle, the owner shall:
  - (a) Retain the other license plate; and
- (b) Insofar as it may be practicable, return or surrender both plates to the Department as a set when required by law to do so.
- 4. Every license plate must at all times be securely fastened to the vehicle to which it is assigned so as to prevent the plate from swinging and at a height not less than 12 inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of such plate, in a place and position to be clearly visible, and must be maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly legible.
- 5. Any license plate which is issued to a vehicle transporter or a dealer, rebuilder or manufacturer may be attached to a vehicle owned or controlled by that person by a secure means. No license plate may be displayed loosely in the window or by any other unsecured method in any motor vehicle.
- 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, a citation may be issued for a violation of this section only if the violation is discovered while the vehicle is halted or its driver is arrested for another alleged violation or offense.
- 7. The provisions of subsection 6 do not apply if no license plate is attached to the rear of the motor vehicle.
  - Sec. 9.4. NRS 482.396 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 482.396 1. A person who is not a dealer, manufacturer or rebuilder may apply to the Department for a permit to operate a vehicle which:
- (a) Is not subject to the provisions of NRS 482.390, 482.395 and 706.801 to 706.861, inclusive; and
- (b) Is not currently registered in this State, another state or a foreign country, or has been purchased by the applicant from a person who is not a dealer.
- 2. The Department shall adopt regulations imposing a fee for the issuance of the permit.
  - 3. Each permit must:
- (a) Bear the date of expiration in numerals of sufficient size to be plainly readable from a reasonable distance during daylight;
  - (b) Expire at 5 p.m. not more than 60 days after its date of issuance;
  - (c) Be affixed to the vehicle in the manner prescribed by the Department; and
- (d) Be removed and destroyed upon its expiration or the issuance of a new permit or a certificate of registration for the vehicle, whichever occurs first.

- The Department may authorize the issuance of more than one permit for the vehicle to be operated by the applicant.
- 5. A person who is not a dealer, manufacturer or rebuilder who purchased a vehicle described in subsection 1 may move the vehicle without being issued a permit pursuant to this section for 3 days after the date of purchase if the person carries in the vehicle:
  - (a) Proof of ownership or proof of purchase; and
  - (b) Proof of liability insurance.

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- 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, a citation may be issued for a violation of this section only if the violation is discovered while the vehicle is halted or its driver is arrested for another alleged violation or offense.
- 7. The provisions of subsection 6 do not apply if no permit is affixed to the vehicle.

- Sec. 9.5. NRS 484D.115 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  1. Except as otherwise provided in chapters 484A to 484E, inclusive, of NRS and NRS 486.261, every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer and any vehicle which is being drawn at the end of a train of vehicles must be equipped with at least two tail lamps mounted on the rear, which, when lighted as required by this chapter, emit a red light plainly visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear, except that vehicles manufactured before July 1, 1969, must have at least one tail lamp if they were originally equipped with only one tail lamp.
- 2. Only the tail lamp on the rearmost vehicle of a train of vehicles need actually be seen from the distance specified.
- 3. On vehicles equipped with more than one tail lamp, the lamps must be mounted on the same level, as widely spaced laterally as practicable and at a height of not more than 72 inches nor less than 15 inches.
- 4. Every passenger car, bus and truck under 80 inches in overall width must be equipped with a lamp so constructed and placed as to illuminate with a white light the rear registration or license plate and render it clearly legible from a distance of 50 feet to the rear.
- 5. All such lamps must be wired to be lighted whenever the headlamps or auxiliary driving lamps are lighted.
- Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, a citation may be issued for a violation of this section only if the violation is discovered while the vehicle is halted or its driver is arrested for another alleged violation or offense.
- 7. The provisions of subsection 6 do not apply if more than one tail lamp mounted on the vehicle is broken.
- 8. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a peace officer from issuing an oral advisory or warning citation concerning a violation of this section, regardless of whether the violation is discovered while the vehicle is halted or its driver is arrested for another alleged violation or offense.
- 9. The provisions of this section do not apply to towable tools or equipment which is being towed during the hours of daylight.

- Sec. 9.7. NRS 484D.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  1. Except as provided in subsection [3,] 6, every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer and pole trailer must carry on the rear, either as a part of the tail lamps or separately, two or more red reflectors meeting the requirements of this section, except that vehicles of the types mentioned in NRS 484D.460 must be equipped with reflectors meeting the requirements of NRS 484D.150 and subsection 1 of NRS 484D.155.
- 2. Every such reflector must be mounted on the vehicle at a height not less than 15 inches nor more than 60 inches measured as set forth in NRS 484D.105, and must be of such size and characteristics and so mounted as to be visible at night

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from all distances within 600 feet to 100 feet from the vehicle when directly in front of lawful lower beams of headlamps, except that reflectors on vehicles manufactured or assembled before January 1, 1970, must be visible at night from all distances within 350 feet to 100 feet when directly in front of lawful upper beams of headlamps.

Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, a citation may be issued for a violation of this section only if the violation is discovered while the vehicle is halted or its driver is arrested for another alleged violation or offense.

4. The provisions of subsection 3 do not apply if more than one reflector

mounted on the vehicle is broken.

- 5. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a peace officer from issuing an oral advisory or warning citation concerning a violation of this section, regardless of whether the violation is discovered while the vehicle is halted or its driver is arrested for another alleged violation or offense.
  - 6. The provisions of this section do not apply to towable tools or equipment.

NRS 484D.125 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- Except as provided in subsection [5,] 8, every motor vehicle, trailer and semitrailer, and any vehicle which is being drawn at the end of a train of vehicles must be equipped with two or more stop lamps, except that any vehicle manufactured before July 1, 1969, must have at least one stop lamp if the vehicle was originally equipped with only one stop lamp.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in chapters 484A to 484E, inclusive, of NRS, the stop lamp or lamps must:
- (a) Be on the rear of the vehicle, and if there are two or more than two must be as widely spaced laterally as practicable;
- (b) Display a red, amber or yellow light visible from a distance of not less than 300 feet to the rear in normal sunlight; and
  - (c) Be activated upon application of the brake.
- On a combination of vehicles, stop lamps on the rearmost vehicle only are required.
  - 4. A stop lamp may be incorporated with a tail lamp.
- Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, a citation may be issued for a violation of this section only if the violation is discovered while the vehicle is halted or its driver is arrested for another alleged violation or offense.
- 6. The provisions of subsection 6 do not apply if more than one stop lamp on the vehicle is broken.
- 7. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a peace officer from issuing an oral advisory or warning citation concerning a violation of this section, regardless of whether the violation is discovered while the vehicle is halted or its driver is arrested for another alleged violation or offense.
  - The provisions of this section do not apply to towable tools or equipment.
- Sec. 10. The amendatory provisions of this act apply to a traffic stop which occurs on or after October 1, 2023. [, and any evidence that is derived therefrom.]
  - Sec. 11. [NRS 484B.063 is hereby repealed.] (Deleted by amendment.)

## TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION