
SENATE BILL NO. 199—SENATOR MCGINNESS

MARCH 10, 2009

Referred to Committee on Energy, Infrastructure and Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the weighing of farm vehicles for purposes of vehicle registration. (BDR 43-987)

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.

AN ACT relating to farm vehicles; allowing a farmer or rancher to weigh a farm vehicle on a certified scale for purposes of registration in lieu of having the farm vehicle weighed by a public weighmaster; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

- 1 Existing law requires that vehicles required to be weighed pursuant to chapters
- 2 482 and 706 of NRS be weighed by a public weighmaster. (NRS 482.485, 706.276)
- 3 This bill allows a farmer or rancher to instead weigh his farm vehicle on a certified
- 4 scale and use a printout from that scale as proof of the declared gross weight of the
- 5 farm vehicle for purposes of registration or temporary permitting.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 482.485 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 482.485 1. The provisions of chapter 582 of NRS (Public
- 3 Weighmasters) are hereby made applicable to this chapter.
- 4 2. ~~AAH~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, all*
- 5 motor vehicles required to be weighed under the provisions of this
- 6 chapter ~~shall~~ *must* be weighed by a public weighmaster under such
- 7 rules and regulations as may be deemed advisable by the Director
- 8 and the *State* Sealer of Weights and Measures, and according to the
- 9 provisions of chapter 582 of NRS.



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1 3. The Department for registration purposes only ~~shall be~~
2 ~~allowed to~~ **may** collect a fee, not to exceed \$1, for each vehicle
3 weighed by the Department.

4 4. From time to time, upon request of the Director, the *State*
5 Sealer of Weights and Measures shall appoint additional public
6 weighmasters, according to the provisions of chapter 582 of NRS, as
7 may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this chapter.

8 5. Public weighmasters' certificates issued in states other than
9 Nevada, when such certificates bear the seal of such weighmaster,
10 may be accepted by the Director as evidence of the weight of the
11 motor vehicle for which a license is applied.

12 **6. *In lieu of weighing a farm vehicle pursuant to subsection***
13 ***2, the farmer or rancher who uses the farm vehicle may:***

14 ***(a) Weigh the farm vehicle on a scale which has been certified***
15 ***by the State Sealer of Weights and Measures; and***

16 ***(b) Use a printout from that scale setting forth the declared***
17 ***gross weight of the farm vehicle as proof of the declared gross***
18 ***weight of the farm vehicle for purposes of this chapter.***

19 **Sec. 2.** NRS 706.276 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 706.276 1. The provisions of chapter 582 of NRS are hereby
21 made applicable to this chapter.

22 2. ~~[A]~~ ***Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, all***
23 ***vehicles required to be weighed under the provisions of this chapter***
24 ***shall*** **must** be weighed by a public weighmaster under such rules
25 and regulations as may be deemed advisable by the Department and
26 the State Sealer of Weights and Measures, and according to the
27 provisions of chapter 582 of NRS, except as otherwise provided
28 herein.

29 3. The Department ~~shall be allowed to~~ **may** collect a fee, not
30 to exceed \$1, for each vehicle weighed by the Department.

31 4. The State Sealer of Weights and Measures from time to
32 time, upon request of the Department, shall appoint additional
33 public weighmasters, according to the provisions of chapter 582 of
34 NRS, as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this chapter.

35 5. Public weighmasters' certificates issued in states other than
36 Nevada, when such certificates bear the seal of such weighmaster,
37 may be accepted by the Department as evidence of the weight of the
38 vehicle for which a license is applied.

39 **6. *In lieu of weighing a farm vehicle pursuant to subsection***
40 ***2, the farmer or rancher who uses the farm vehicle may:***

41 ***(a) Weigh the farm vehicle on a scale which has been certified***
42 ***by the State Sealer of Weights and Measures; and***

43 ***(b) Use a printout from that scale setting forth the declared***
44 ***gross weight of the farm vehicle as proof of the declared gross***
45 ***weight of the farm vehicle for purposes of this chapter.***



1 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2009.

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