

AB56: Hard Shoulder Running

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AB56 Overview

- **Summary:** Allows authorized emergency vehicles (e.g., Freeway Service Patrol, tow trucks, Hazmat, etc.) as well as public buses to drive on the paved shoulder of a highway for longer than 200 feet where lawfully placed signage allows such vehicles.
- **Current Issues**
 - Limited legal authority, greater uncertainty
 - 200ft limit not enough
 - Public buses stuck in traffic, impacting predictability
- **Timeline**
 - Upon Passage: Begin crafting regulations and prepping public education campaign (NDOT & RTCSNV)
 - Effective Date: January 1, 2024

AB56 Research

- Researched other states with similar laws for shoulder running:
 - California
 - Colorado
 - Illinois
 - Kansas
 - Maryland
 - Minnesota
 - New Jersey

AB56 – Nevada Revised Statutes

- Existing Laws Reviewed and Proposed for AB56
- NRS 484B.210 When overtaking on right side allowed
- NRS 484B.267 Operation of vehicle on approach of authorized emergency vehicle or official vehicle of regulatory agency
- NRS 484B.587 Obedience to signs and restrictions on driving on controlled-access highway

AB56 – Issues with Existing Law

Existing Law	Reads	Issue
NRS 484B.210	When overtaking on right side allowed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limits travel to no more than 200 feet in the section of pavement not marked as a traffic lane• No definition for traffic incident management vehicle, tow car, or public transit motor bus in regard to these Rules of the Road
NRS 484B.267	Operation of vehicle on approach of authorized emergency vehicle or official vehicle of regulatory agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yielding on the shoulder by drivers will impede the movement desired on the shoulder
NRS 484B.587	Obedience to signs and restrictions on driving on controlled-access highway	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prohibits anyone from driving a vehicle on a controlled-access highway outside of a marked traffic lane or marked entrance or exit lane.

AB56 – Revisions

Existing Law	Proposed Changes
NRS 484B.210	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amend to include exception of overtaking a vehicle except as provided in new subsection 4• Add new subsection 4 to provide vehicle movement exceptions to authorized emergency vehicles, traffic incident management vehicle, tow car, or public transit motor bus that are driven on the paved shoulder where lawfully placed signage allows• Add definitions for the additional vehicles listed in subsection 4
NRS 484B.267	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amend to reflect that a law enforcement officer can direct where other vehicles move to yield• Amend to include that driver shall not drive or stop on the shoulder where subsection 4 of NRS 484B.210 cites those vehicles can travel
NRS 484B.587	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amend where required to refer to new subsection 3• Add new subsection 3 to refer to new subsection 4 of NRS 484B.210 to allow those vehicles to drive on a paved shoulder where lawfully placed signage allows

AB56 – Public Education Plan

- **Intent:** Support the implementation of AB56 by educating the public, updating signage and reference materials, and informing operators.

- **Plan Includes:**
 - Coordination with RTCSNV, DMV, and first responders
 - Media briefing, press release, social, blog posts, newsletters, etc.
 - Web page
 - Digital Messaging Sign (DMS) messages
 - Bus signage
 - Consultant support

AB56 – Friendly Amendment

- Washoe County, on behalf of Clark County, has a proposed an amendment to remove language within the definition for “coroner vehicle” relating to vehicles operated by mortuary personnel

6. As used in this section:

(a) “Coroner vehicle” means an authorized vehicle used by a county coroner, medical examiner, medicolegal death investigator ~~or mortuary personnel:~~

- (1) Responding to the scene of a death; or*
- (2) Transporting a dead human body*



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