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PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Explanation: Matter in *Italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~+~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§1 and 2, NRS 385.080, 392.400 and 392.410.

Section 1. NAC 392.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 392.500 Conformity with minimal national standards required.

1. Every school bus purchased:

(a) After February 10, 1972, and before March 1, 1996, for the transportation of pupils must conform to the minimum national standards for school buses established by the Secretary of Transportation pursuant to the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 (15 U.S.C. §§ 1381 et seq.), and any more stringent standards adopted by the state board of education that were in effect at the time the school bus was ~~+~~ *manufactured*; or

(b) On or after March 1, 1996, must conform to the national standards for school buses set forth in 49 C.F.R. Part 571 and the National Standards for School Transportation, 1995 edition, and the more stringent standards set forth in NAC 392.501 to 392.689, inclusive.

2. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the Federal Government or the government of any state or political subdivision thereof from establishing a safety requirement applicable to motor vehicles or motor vehicle equipment procured for its own use if such requirement imposes a higher standard of performance than that required to comply with the otherwise applicable federal standard.

Sec. 2. NAC 392.501 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 392.501 Applicability of regulations. NAC 392.501 to 392.621, inclusive, apply to all school buses, unless:

1. A different standard is required pursuant to NAC 392.647 to 392.689, inclusive, for school buses designed to transport pupils with disabilities; or

2. As set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NAC 392.500, different standards were in effect at the time the school bus was ~~+~~ *manufactured*.

AUTHORITY: NRS 385.040, 392.400 and 392.410

NAC 392.583 Kit for first aid.

1. Each school bus must have a removable kit for first aid that is resistant to moisture and dust. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the kit must be mounted in an accessible place within the driver's compartment. The place must be marked to indicate the location of the kit. A list of the contents must be affixed to the inside of the front cover of the kit.

2. In a school bus that is classified as a type A-II pursuant to the National Standards for School Transportation, 1995 edition, the kit may be mounted in any accessible place.

3. Each kit ~~[must]~~ *may* include, without limitation, *the suggested contents of the First-aid kit pursuant to the National Standards for School Transportation, 1995 edition.*

- ~~—(a) Two rolls of adhesive tape, 1 inch x 2 1/2 yards;~~
- ~~—(b) Twenty four sterile gauze pads, 3 inches x 3 inches;~~
- ~~—(c) One hundred adhesive bandages, 3/4 inch x 3 inches;~~
- ~~—(d) Eight bandage compresses, 2 inches;~~
- ~~—(e) Ten bandage compresses, 3 inches;~~
- ~~—(f) Two sterile gauze roller bandages, 2 inches x 6 yards;~~
- ~~—(g) Two triangular bandages, 40 inches x 36 inches x 54 inches, each with two safety pins;~~
- ~~—(h) Three sterile gauze pads, 36 inches x 36 inches;~~
- ~~—(i) Three sterile eye pads;~~
- ~~—(j) One pair of scissors, with rounded ends;~~
- ~~—(k) One pair of latex gloves; and~~
- ~~—(l) One artificial airway for use in mouth to mouth resuscitation.]~~

NAC 392.584 Body Fluid Cleanup Kit

1. Each school bus must have a removable kit designed for the cleanup of bodily fluids that is resistant to moisture. The kit must be mounted in an accessible place within the driver's compartment. The place must be marked to indicate the location of the kit. The kit may be mounted in an enclosed compartment if the compartment is labeled with letters that are not less than 1 inch in height and that indicate the contents of the compartment.

2. The contents ~~[must]~~ *may* include, without limitation:

(a) One packet of a solution that contains a red-10 dye and that is used to solidify bodily fluids;

(b) Two antiseptic wipes;

(c) One antimicrobial wipe for cleansing hands;

(d) One disposal germicidal wipe;

(e) One pair of latex gloves;

(f) One safety shield; and

(g) One red bag that is marked “biohazard.”

3. As used in this section, “biohazard” means a biological agent that may be hazardous to persons or the environment.

NAC 392.595 Interior.

1. The interior of the school bus must not have projections which might cause an injury. All ceilings and walls must be lined. If the construction of the ceiling contains lapped joints, the forward panel must be lapped by the rear panel and any exposed edges must be beaded, hemmed, flanged or otherwise treated to reduce sharp edges.

2. The interior of a school bus may have:

(a) A compartment used for storage of tools, tire chains and tow chains; and

(b) An overhead compartment used for storage other than as provided in paragraph (a).

3. An overhead compartment used for storage must:

(a) Have a rated maximum capacity;

(b) Be attached to the school bus sufficiently to withstand a minimum force of 20 times the rated maximum capacity;

(c) Have rounded corners and edges that have a minimum radius of 1 inch; and

(d) Be free of any protrusions of more than 1/4 of an inch.

4. The driver’s area forward of the foremost padded barriers must be large enough to mount the required safety and operating equipment.

5. Every school bus must be constructed so that the level of noise for the occupant nearest to the primary source of noise in the vehicle does not exceed 85 decibels base audible.

6. The trash container and holding device section pursuant to the National Standards for School Transportation, 1995 edition do not apply to Nevada’s school bus standards.

392.667 Standards for Power Lift.

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if a power lift for a wheelchair is used, it must be located on the right side of the body, confined within the perimeter of the body of the school bus when it is not extended and not attached to the exterior of the school bus.

2. A power lift for a wheelchair may be located on the left side of the body of the school bus if the school bus is used primarily for the transportation of pupils to the left side of one-way streets.

3. In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection 1, a power lift must:

(a) Incorporate an emergency method that requires not more than 2 minutes to lower an occupied wheelchair to ground level; and

(b) Be permanently and legibly marked or have a nonremovable label or tag which indicates that it complies with all the applicable requirements of the National Standards for School Transportation, 1995 edition *except for the requirements of Section 3, b. (2) (a) of Power Lifts and Ramps requiring the use interlocked controls.*

4. Upon request by the original purchaser of a power lift, the manufacturer of the power lift shall provide an original or a copy of a notarized certificate that indicates that the power lift complies with all the applicable requirements of the National Standards for School Transportation, 1995 edition.

5. The lifting mechanism must be able to lift at least 600 pounds.

6. Controls must be provided to operate the power lift from inside or outside of the school bus.

7. If electrical power is used, a circuit breaker that can be reset must be installed between the source of power and the motor of the power lift. The circuit breaker must be located as close as possible to the source of power, but it must not be located inside the school bus.

8. The design of the power lift must prevent excessive pressure that could damage the system of the power lift when the platform is fully lowered or raised or that could lift the school bus into the air.

9. A school bus equipped with a power lift for a wheelchair must contain:

(a) A clear notation of the phone number where information can be obtained relating to the installation, repair and parts of the power lift; and

(b) Detailed instructions that are visible when the door of the power lift is open and that relate to the use of the power lift, including, without limitation, a diagram showing the proper placement and positioning of a wheelchair on the power lift.

10. The manufacturer of the power lift shall make available to the original purchaser of the power lift training materials relating to the proper use and maintenance of the power lift.