### **LCB File No. R156-06**

# PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## NOTICE OF WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED REGULATIONS

The Nevada Department of Transportation is proposing the amendment of regulations pertaining to Chapter 484 of the Nevada Administrative Code. One workshop will be held at the Nevada Department of Transportation Conference Room, #301 at 1263 South Stewart Street, Carson City, NV, commencing at 10:00 AM on August 1, 2006. This workshop will be video conferenced to the District I Training Room A, at 123 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, NV and to the District II Main Conference Room, at 310 Galletti Way, Sparks, NV. The workshop will be split into two parts. One portion will address proposed changes to the oversized permit regulations and the other portion will address proposed changes to permit regulations pertaining to vehicle combinations in excess of 70 feet in length. The purpose of this workshop is to solicit comments from all interested persons of the following topics addressed in the proposed amendments:

The proposed amendment to the oversized permit regulations: (1) Addresses signage on oversized loads will be amended to allow a reduced sign size as that allowed on pilot cars, and (2) Addresses various requirements for pilot cars.

The proposed amendment to the regulations for vehicle combinations that exceed 70 feet in length: (1) Addresses the transfer of a permit from one company to another under certain conditions.

A copy of this notice and the regulations to be amended will be on file at the State Library, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, NV, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of this notice and the regulations to be amended will be available at:

Nevada Department of Transportation 1263 So. Stewart Street Carson City, NV 89712 Nevada Department of Transportation District III Office 1951 Idaho Street Elko, NV 89801

Nevada Department of Transportation District I Office 123 East Washington Street Las Vegas, NV 897125 Nevada Department of Transportation Winnemucca Maintenance Station 725 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street Winnemucca, NV 89446 Nevada Department of Transportation Tonopah Maintenance Station 805 Erie Main Tonopah, NV 89049

Nevada Department of Transportation District II Office 310 Galletti Way Sparks, NV 89431

Washoe County Courthouse 75 Court Street Reno, NV 89520 Nevada Department of Transportation Ely Maintenance Station 1401 Avenue "F" Ely, NV 89301

Clark County Courthouse 200 So. Third Street Las Vegas, NV 89155

We are pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and wish to attend the workshop. If special arrangements for the workshop are necessary, please contact Jeff Richter, Overdimensional Permits Section, Nevada Department of Transportation, 1263 So. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89712 or call (775) 888-7070.

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION

## Notice of Hearings for the Amendment and Adoption of Regulations of the Nevada Department of Transportation

The Nevada Department of Transportation will hold public hearings to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the amendment of regulations pertaining to Chapter 484 of the Nevada Administrative Code. The public hearings will be as follows:

August 23, 2006 - Commencing at 9:30 a.m. Nevada Department of Transportation District II Headquarters Bldg. District II Main Conference Room 310 Galletti Way Sparks, NV 89431

August 24, 2006 - Commencing at 9:30 a.m. Nevada Department of Transportation District I Headquarters Bldg. A District Conference Room 123 East Washington Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89101

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603:

- 1. These proposed amendments to the oversized permit regulations are needed for the administration of overdimensional permits and for vehicle combinations in excess of 70 feet in length permits. The purpose of the proposed amendments to the overdimensional permit regulations is to address signage on oversized loads and various requirements for pilot cars. The purpose of the proposed amendment to the regulations for vehicle combinations that exceed 70 feet in length is to allow the transfer of the permit from one company to another under certain conditions.
- 2. The proposed amended regulations are attached for review. For ease in identification, additions are italicized and highlighted. Deletions are lined out.
- 3. The estimated economic effect of the regulation follows:
  - a. Businesses:

(1) Updated regulations are easier to read and understand; regulations have been enhanced to assist businesses; and the transfer of the permit from one company to another for vehicle combinations exceeding 70 feet in length will allow the various trucking companies to utilize the services of another more efficiently and economically.

(2) Immediate effects include better enforcement due to clarity of regulations, the trucking companies will have more flexibility and less administrative burden. Long term effects include safer highways for the general public.

#### b. Public:

- (1) No adverse effects are envisioned. However, the flexibility included in the regulations will greatly assist the trucking industry and enhance the ability of the Nevada Highway Patrol in enforcement activities. This will result in safer highways for the traveling public.
- (2) Both the immediate and long term effects on the public are safety related as identified above. No other immediate or long term effect on the public is envisioned.
  - 4. There is no cost to the Department of Transportation for enforcement of the proposed amendments to the permit regulations.
  - 5. 23 CFR Part 658, in part, regulates the length, width and weight limitations of trucks. Under 23 U.S.C. 315, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation may prescribe regulations which carry out this Act. This federal law concerns and regulates the protection and preservation of the highways. Except for this federal regulation, there is no overlap or duplication of any federal, state or local government regulations of the proposed amendments.
  - 6. This regulation is not required pursuant to federal law.
  - 7. This regulation is not more stringent than existing federal regulations.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Nevada Department of Transportation may appear at the scheduled public hearings or may address their comments, data, views, or arguments in written form, to the Nevada Department of Transportation, Administrative Services Division, 1263 South Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89712. Written submissions must be received by the Nevada Department of Transportation on or before July 21, 2006. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Nevada Department of Transportation may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.

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Street, Elko, NV, the Nevada Department of Transportation, Winnemucca Maintenance Station, 725 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Winnemucca, NV, the Nevada Department of Transportation, Ely Maintenance Station, 1401 Avenue "F", Ely, NV and at the main public library in each county where the Department does not have an office, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. This notice and the text of the proposed regulations are also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations, which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and on the internet at <a href="http://www.leg.state.nv.us">http://www.leg.state.nv.us</a>. Copies of the notice will also be mailed to the state motor transport associations in each of the 50 states. The proposed regulations will be available on the Nevada Department of Transportation website at <a href="http://www.nevadadot.com">http://www.nevadadot.com</a>. Copies of this notice and the proposed regulations will also be mailed to members of the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary.

Upon adoption of any regulation, the Nevada Department of Transportation, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reason for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

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This notice of hearings has been posted at the following locations:

State Library 100 Stewart Street Carson City, NV 89710

Nevada Department of Transportation 1263 So. Stewart Street Carson City, NV 89712

Nevada Department of Transportation District I Office 123 East Washington Street Las Vegas, NV 897125

Nevada Department of Transportation Tonopah Maintenance Station 805 Erie Main Tonopah, NV 89049 Governor's Office Capitol Building Carson City, NV 89710

Nevada Department of Transportation District III Office 1951 Idaho Street Elko, NV 89801

Nevada Department of Transportation Winnemucca Maintenance Station 725 W. 4th Street Winnemucca, NV 89446

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A copy of this notice and proposed regulations is also available at these locations:

Churchill County Library 5553 S. Maine Street Fallon, NV 89406 (Fourth & Crook Street) Goldfield Public Library P. O. Box 430 Goldfield, NV 89013

Lincoln County Library 93 Main Street Pioche, NV 89043 (1125 Central Avenue) Eureka Branch Library P. O. Box 293 Eureka, NV 89316

Lyon County Library 20 Nevin Way Yerington, NV 89447 Battle Mountain Branch Library P. O. Box 141 Battle Mountain, NV 89820

Pershing County Library P. O. Box 781 Lovelock, NV 89419 (171 Central Street) Douglas County Library P. O. Box 337 Minden, NV 89423

Storey County Library P. O. Box 14 Virginia City, NV 89440 (95 South R Street) Mineral County Library P. O. Box 1390 Hawthorne, NV 89415 (First & A Street)

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NAC 484.358 Special permit for operation of combination of vehicles in excess of 70 feet in length: Suspension. (NRS 484.739) [If by a holder of a permit] If any drivers employed by a permittee or by a company under contract to a permittee pursuant to NRS 484.739 receives three citations within a period of 6 months for violations of a condition or restriction on the permit, the Department may suspend [the] all permit privileges of the [holder] permittee for up to 30 days.

## **NAC 484.525 Duration and use of permits generally.** (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631)

- 1. A single-trip permit for the movement of an oversized or overweight vehicle is valid for a period of 5 days as set forth on the permit.
- 2. An annual multiple-trip permit is valid for 12 consecutive months after the date of issue. This permit may be issued for:
- (a) Construction type equipment and special mobile type equipment that do not otherwise conform to statutory requirements or for multiple trips when an oversized or overweight vehicle travels on highways maintained by the Department if the maximum:
  - (1) Width is not more than 14 feet;
  - (2) Length does not exceed 110 feet;
  - (3) Height does not exceed 15 feet;
  - (4) Overhang does not exceed 25 feet; and
  - (5) Gross weight and axle loading will not exceed that established by evaluation of the application based upon axle configuration and overall length; or
- (b) The movement of manufactured homes, mobile homes or any other similar types of structures over highways maintained by the Department if the maximum:
  - (1) Width, including any appendages and roof eaves, is not more than 14 feet;
  - (2) Combined length of the vehicle used to transport the manufactured home, mobile home or other similar structure and the manufactured home, mobile home or other similar structure does not exceed 85 feet; and
  - (3) Height does not exceed 15 feet.
- 3. The original of the annual multiple-trip permit, multiple trip-limited time permit or single-trip permit must be carried in the vehicle to which it refers.
- 4. A copy of an annual multiple-trip permit, multiple trip-limited time permit or single-trip permit may not be made for use in another vehicle.
- 5. An annual permittee may transfer the original permit to the vehicles combinations that are identified on the permit and which are leased for 30 calendar days or more. The leased vehicle must carry the original permit and a copy of the pertinent, notarized lease agreement and be marked in accordance with 49 CFR Part 390.21.