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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 230—ASSEMBLYWOMAN WOODBURY

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JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR HARDY

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Authorizes the use of supplemental stop lamps on motor vehicles. (BDR 43-508)

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.

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AN ACT relating to stop lamps; authorizing the use of supplemental stop lamps on motor vehicles; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Under existing law, every motor vehicle must be equipped with two or more  
2 stop lamps, which must: (1) be on the rear of the vehicle; (2) display a red, amber  
3 or yellow light; and (3) be activated upon application of the brake. (NRS 484D.125)  
4 **Section 2** of this bill authorizes a motor vehicle to be equipped with one or more  
5 supplemental stop lamps. The lamps may be mounted on the rear of the vehicle or  
6 in the rear window, and may emit a flashing or pulsing light for not more than 5  
7 seconds when initially activated. Additionally, the lamps: (1) may display a red,  
8 amber or yellow light; (2) must be activated upon application of the brake; (3) may  
9 be integrated into the high-mounted stop lamp of the vehicle, if any; (4) must not  
10 emit any light which is visible to the driver other than a small indicator light or  
11 display; and (5) must not be preempted by federal law or regulation. **Section 1** of  
12 this bill adds those supplemental stop lamps to the exceptions to the prohibition  
13 against the use of flashing amber lights. (NRS 484D.185)



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

1       **Section 1.** NRS 484D.185 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:

3       484D.185 1. It is unlawful to operate or display a flashing  
4 amber warning light on a vehicle except when an unusual traffic  
5 hazard exists or as authorized in NRS 484B.748, 484B.757 or  
6 484D.190. This subsection does not prohibit the use of amber lights  
7 in ~~electric~~ :

- 8       (a) *Electric* signals for making turns ~~H~~; or
- 9       (b) *Supplemental stop lamps pursuant to subsection 5 of*  
10 *NRS 484D.205.*

11       2. It is unlawful for any person to mount flashing amber  
12 warning lights permanently on a vehicle without a permit from the  
13 Nevada Highway Patrol.

14       3. The Nevada Highway Patrol, upon written application, shall  
15 issue a permit to mount a flashing amber light on:

- 16       (a) Vehicles of public utilities.
- 17       (b) Tow cars.
- 18       (c) Vehicles engaged in activities which create a public hazard  
19 upon the streets or highways.
- 20       (d) Vehicles of coroners and their deputies.
- 21       (e) Vehicles of Civil Air Patrol rescue units.
- 22       (f) Vehicles of authorized sheriffs' jeep squadrons.
- 23       (g) Vehicles which escort funeral processions.
- 24       (h) Vehicles operated by vendors of food or beverages, as  
25 provided in NRS 484D.190.

26       (i) Vehicles operated by private patrol officers licensed pursuant  
27 to chapter 648 of NRS or their employees.

28       4. Those permits expire on June 30 of each calendar year.

29       5. The Nevada Highway Patrol shall charge and collect the  
30 following fees for the issuance of a permit for the mounting of a  
31 flashing amber light:

- 32       (a) Permit for a single vehicle..... \$2
- 33       (b) Blanket permit for more than 5 but less than 15 vehicles ... 12
- 34       (c) Blanket permit for 15 vehicles or more..... 24

35       6. Subsections 1 and 2 do not apply to an agency of any state  
36 or political subdivision thereof, or to an agency of the Federal  
37 Government.

38       7. All fees collected by the Nevada Highway Patrol pursuant to  
39 this section must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to  
40 the State Highway Fund.



1       **Sec. 2.** NRS 484D.205 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2       484D.205 1. Any motor vehicle may be equipped with not  
3 more than two side cowl or fender lamps which shall emit an amber  
4 or white light without glare.

5       2. Any motor vehicle may be equipped with not more than one  
6 running-board courtesy lamp on each side of the vehicle which shall  
7 emit a white or amber light without glare.

8       3. Any motor vehicle may be equipped with inside door-  
9 mounted red lamps or red reflectorizing devices or material visible  
10 to the rear of the vehicle when the doors are open.

11       4. Any motor vehicle may be equipped with one or more  
12 backup lamps either separately or in combination with other lamps.  
13 Backup lamps shall not be lighted when the vehicle is in forward  
14 motion.

15       5. *Except to the extent preempted by federal law or*  
16 *regulation, any motor vehicle may be equipped with one or more*  
17 *supplemental stop lamps mounted on the rear of the vehicle or*  
18 *inside the rear window of the vehicle. The supplemental stop*  
19 *lamps:*

20       (a) *May display a red, amber or yellow light;*

21       (b) *Must be activated upon application of the brake;*

22       (c) *May be integrated into the high-mounted stop lamp, if any,*  
23 *that is installed by the manufacturer of the motor vehicle;*

24       (d) *Must not emit any light which is visible to the driver other*  
25 *than a small indicator light or display visible to the driver when*  
26 *the supplemental stop lamps are activated; and*

27       (e) *May emit a flashing or pulsing light for not more than 5*  
28 *seconds when the brake is applied, which then converts to a*  
29 *continuous light as normal stop lamps until the brake is released.*

30       6. Any vehicle may be equipped with lamps which may be  
31 used for the purpose of warning the drivers of other vehicles of the  
32 presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring the exercise of  
33 unusual care in approaching, overtaking or passing, and when so  
34 equipped may display such warning in addition to any other warning  
35 signals required by this chapter. The lamps used to display such  
36 warning to the front shall be mounted at the same level and as  
37 widely spaced laterally as practicable, and shall display  
38 simultaneously flashing white or amber lights, or any shade of color  
39 between white and amber. The lamps used to display such warning  
40 to the rear shall be mounted at the same level and as widely spaced  
41 laterally as practicable, and shall show simultaneously flashing  
42 amber or red lights, or any shade of color between amber and red.  
43 Whenever a vehicle has been equipped with such lamps they shall  
44 be kept in good operating condition. These warning lamps shall be  
45 visible from a distance of not less than 500 feet in normal sunlight.



1 ~~16-1~~ 7. Any motor vehicle may be equipped with not more than  
2 two lamps designed and of sufficient intensity for the purpose of  
3 revealing objects only in the direction of the turn while the vehicle  
4 is turning or while the turn signal lamps are operating to signal an  
5 intention to turn. The lamps shall be designed so that no glaring  
6 light is projected into the eyes of an approaching driver.

7 ~~17-1~~ 8. Any vehicle 80 inches or more in overall width, if not  
8 otherwise required by NRS 484D.140, may be equipped with not  
9 more than three identification lamps showing to the front, which  
10 shall emit an amber light without glare, and not more than three  
11 identification lamps showing to the rear, which shall emit a red light  
12 without glare. Such lamps shall be mounted in the manner provided  
13 in NRS 484D.140.

14 ~~18-1~~ 9. Every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer and pole trailer  
15 80 inches or more in overall width or 30 feet or more in overall  
16 length manufactured after January 1, 1970, shall be equipped  
17 with hazardous warning lamps meeting the requirements of  
18 subsection ~~15-1~~ 6.

19 *10. As used in this section, "high-mounted stop lamp" has the*  
20 *meaning ascribed to it in 49 C.F.R. § 571.108.*

