ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 68—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES)

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the administration of laws relating to transportation. (BDR 43-223)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

EXPLANATION—Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to transportation; revising provisions relating to the photograph on a driver’s license; revising provisions governing the licensure and operation of schools for training drivers; revising provisions relating to the fees paid by a person 65 years of age or older for an identification card; revising provisions relating to the issuance of a commercial driver’s license to a person who is not a resident of this State; setting forth exceptions to certain restrictions on the placement of advertising on or near certain highways, rights-of-way, bridges or structures; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Department to issue a driver’s license which bears a colored photograph of the licensee. (NRS 483.347) Section 10 of this bill removes the requirement that the photograph be in color.

Existing law requires a person who seeks to operate a school for training drivers or to be an instructor for a school for training drivers to obtain a driver’s license from the Department. (NRS 483.700) The Department may cancel, suspend, revoke or refuse to renew the driver’s license if the licensee engages in certain acts or practices. (NRS 483.760) Section 12 of this bill provides that the Department may also refuse to issue a license if the applicant engages in any of those certain acts or practices: (1) making a material misstatement on an application; (2) failing or refusing to provide any information requested by the Department regarding an application; and (3) conviction of a crime for a violation of any of the provisions of law governing
schools for training drivers and instructors for a school for training drivers. Existing
law also requires that each vehicle used for training drivers and operated on a
highway is inspected annually. (NRS 483.745) *Section 11* of this bill requires that a
vehicle be inspected within 30 days after initial use by the school for training
drivers, and then inspected annually thereafter.

Existing law allows certain persons who do not hold a valid driver’s license
from any state or jurisdiction to obtain an identification card from the Department.
(NRS 482.820) A person who is 65 years of age or older must pay a fee of $4 for an
original or duplicate identification card. *Section 13* of this bill clarifies that the $4
fee applies to such an identification card which expires on or before the fourth
anniversary of the person’s birthday and an $8 fee applies to such an identification
card which expires on or before the eighth anniversary of the person’s birthday.

Existing law requires the Department to adopt regulations providing for the
issuance of commercial drivers’ licenses, but the regulations may not be more
restrictive than the federal regulations adopted pursuant to the Commercial Motor
483.908) The Department may not issue a commercial driver’s license or a
commercial learner’s permit, which allows a person to operate a commercial motor
vehicle on the highways of this State if he or she is accompanied by the holder of a
commercial driver’s license, to a person unless the person is a resident of this State.
(NRS 483.924, 483.934) Existing law prohibits a person who is a resident of this
State for 30 days or more from driving a commercial motor vehicle under the
authority of a commercial driver’s license issued by another jurisdiction. (NRS
483.932) Existing law authorizes the Department to issue a nonresident commercial
driver’s license or a nonresident commercial learner’s permit to a person who is a
resident of a foreign jurisdiction which the Federal Highway Administrator has
determined does not test drivers and issue commercial drivers’ licenses in
accordance with federal standards or who is a resident of a state while that state is
prohibited from issuing commercial drivers’ licenses pursuant to federal
regulations. (NRS 483.936) *Section 15* of this bill removes the authorization for the
Department to issue a nonresident commercial driver’s license or nonresident
commercial learner’s permit, and newly provides that the Department may only
issue a limited-term commercial driver’s license or limited-term commercial
learner’s permit to a resident of a foreign jurisdiction which the Federal Highway
Administrator has determined does not test drivers and issue commercial drivers’
licenses in accordance with federal standards. *Section 14* of this bill makes
conforming changes to the fees for such a license.

Existing law restricts the placement of advertising on or near certain highways,
rights-of-way, bridges or structures, with certain exceptions for benches and
shelters for passengers of mass transit and monorail stations. (NRS 405.110, 410.320, 484B.313) *Sections 15.3-15.7* of this bill add to the exceptions from those
restrictions certain advertisements on a touchdown structure, which is the tower
attached to a pedestrian bridge and which houses an elevator.

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

*Section 1.* (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 2. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 3. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 4. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 5. (Deleted by amendment.)
Sec. 6. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 7. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 8. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 9. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 10. NRS 483.347 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.347 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the Department shall issue a rectangular-shaped driver’s license which bears a front view [colored] photograph of the licensee. The photograph and any information included on the license must be placed in a manner which ensures that:

(a) If the licensee is 21 years of age or older, the longer edges of the rectangle serve as the top and bottom of the license; or

(b) If the licensee is under 21 years of age, the shorter edges of the rectangle serve as the top and bottom of the license.

2. The Department may issue a temporary driver’s license without a photograph of the licensee if the licensee is temporarily absent from this State and requests the renewal of, the issuance of a duplicate of, or a change in the information on, his or her driver’s license. If the licensee returns to this State for 14 continuous days or more, the licensee shall, within 24 days after the date of return, surrender the temporary license and obtain a license which bears his or her photograph in accordance with subsection 1. A licensee charged with violating the provisions of this subsection may not be convicted if the licensee surrenders the temporary license, obtains a license which bears his or her photograph in accordance with subsection 1 and produces that license in court or in the office of the arresting officer.

3. The Department shall:

(a) Establish a uniform procedure for the production of drivers’ licenses, applicable to renewal as well as to original licenses.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 483.417 and 483.825, by regulation, increase the fees provided in NRS 483.410, 483.820 and 483.910 as necessary to cover the actual cost of production of photographs for drivers’ licenses and identification cards. The increase must be deposited in the State Treasury for credit to the Motor Vehicle Fund and must be allocated to the Department to defray the increased costs of producing the drivers’ licenses required by this section.

Sec. 11. NRS 483.745 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.745 1. A school for training drivers or a third-party certifier provided for by regulation shall ensure that each vehicle used for training drivers and operated on a highway is inspected within 30 days after initial use by the school for training drivers and inspected annually thereafter.
2. The school for training drivers or the third-party certifier shall provide to the Department, within 30 days of the inspection or by December 31 of each calendar year, whichever comes first, the results of the inspection regarding the safety and roadworthiness of the vehicles inspected pursuant to subsection 1.

3. The Department shall adopt regulations setting forth:
   (a) The persons qualified to conduct the inspection; and
   (b) The standards with which the inspection must comply.

4. The owner of the school for training drivers or the third-party certifier shall maintain a copy of the results of the inspection at his or her principal place of business for 3 years after the inspection is completed.

Sec. 12. NRS 483.760 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.760 The Department may refuse to issue a license or may cancel, suspend, revoke or refuse to renew any license granted pursuant to NRS 483.700 to 483.780, inclusive:

1. If the applicant or licensee makes a material misstatement on an application.

2. If the applicant or licensee fails or refuses to provide any information requested by the Department in conjunction with an application.

3. If the applicant has been convicted of a crime for a violation of any of the provisions of NRS 483.700 to 483.780, inclusive.

4. If the licensee permits fraud or engages in fraudulent practices either with reference to the applicant or the Department or induces or countenances fraud or fraudulent practices on the part of any applicant for driver’s license.

5. If the licensee fails to comply with or is convicted of a crime for a violation of any of the provisions of NRS 483.700 to 483.780, inclusive, or any of the regulations or requirements of the Department made pursuant thereto.

6. If the licensee or any employee or agent of the licensee solicits persons for enrollment in a school for training drivers in an office of the Department or within 200 feet of any such office.

7. If the licensee or any employee or agent of the licensee follows the identical course of training which is used by the Department in giving an examination for a driver’s license.

Sec. 13. NRS 483.820 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.820 A person who applies for an identification card in accordance with the provisions of NRS 483.810 to 483.890, inclusive, and who is not ineligible to receive an identification card pursuant to NRS 483.861, is entitled to receive an identification card if the person is:
(a) A resident of this State and is 10 years of age or older and does not hold a valid driver’s license or identification card from any state or jurisdiction; or
(b) A seasonal resident who does not hold a valid Nevada driver’s license.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 483.825, the Department shall charge and collect the following fees for the issuance of an original, duplicate or changed identification card:

An original or duplicate identification card issued to a person 65 years of age or older which expires on or before the fourth anniversary of the person’s birthday $4

An original or duplicate identification card issued to a person 65 years of age or older which expires on or before the eighth anniversary of the person’s birthday $8

An original or duplicate identification card issued to a person under 18 years of age which expires on the eighth anniversary of the person’s birthday $6

A renewal of an identification card for a person under 18 years of age which expires on the eighth anniversary of the person’s birthday $6

An original or duplicate identification card issued to a person under 18 years of age which expires on or before the fourth anniversary of the person’s birthday $3

A renewal of an identification card for a person under 18 years of age which expires on or before the fourth anniversary of the person’s birthday $3

An original or duplicate identification card issued to any person at least 18 years of age, but less than 65 years of age, which expires on the eighth anniversary of the person’s birthday $18

A renewal of an identification card for any person at least 18 years of age, but less than 65 years of age, which expires on the eighth anniversary of the person’s birthday $18
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issued to any person at least 18 years of age,
but less than 65 years of age, which expires
on or before the fourth anniversary of the
person’s birthday............................................................. $9
A renewal of an identification card for any
person at least 18 years of age, but less than
65 years of age, which expires on or before
the fourth anniversary of the person’s
birthday ............................................................................. 9
A new photograph or change of name, or both .......... 4

3. The Department shall not charge a fee for:
(a) An identification card issued to a person who has voluntarily
surrendered his or her driver’s license pursuant to NRS 483.420; or
(b) A renewal of an identification card for a person 65 years of
age or older.

4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 483.825, the increase
in fees authorized in NRS 483.347 must be paid in addition to the
fees charged pursuant to this section.

5. As used in this section, “photograph” has the meaning
ascribed to it in NRS 483.125.

Sec. 14. NRS 483.910 is hereby amended to read as follows:
483.910 1. The Department shall charge and collect the
following fees:

For an original commercial driver’s license [or
nonresident commercial driver’s license]
which expires on or before the eighth
anniversary of the date of issuance of the
license but after the fourth anniversary of
the date of issuance of the license ......................... $108
For an original commercial driver’s license [ or
nonresident commercial driver’s license] or
commercial learner’s permit [or nonresident
commercial learner’s permit] which expires
on or before the fourth anniversary of the
birthday of the licensee or permit holder ............... 54
For renewal of a commercial driver’s license [or
nonresident commercial driver’s license]
which expires on or before the eighth
anniversary of the date of issuance of the
license but after the fourth anniversary of
the date of issuance of the license ......................... 108
For renewal of a commercial driver’s license, nonresident commercial driver’s license, or commercial learner’s permit, or nonresident commercial learner’s permit which expires on or before the fourth anniversary of the birthday of the licensee or permit holder ......................... $54

For reinstatement of a commercial driver’s license after suspension or revocation of the license for a violation of NRS 484C.110, 484C.120, 484C.130 or 484C.430, or pursuant to NRS 484C.210 and 484C.220, or pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 383.51(b)(2)(i) or (ii) 383.51(b)(1) ................................................. 145

For reinstatement of a commercial driver’s license after suspension, revocation, cancellation or disqualification of the license, except a suspension or revocation for a violation of NRS 484C.110, 484C.120, 484C.130 or 484C.430, or pursuant to NRS 484C.210 and 484C.220, or pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 383.51(b)(2)(i) or (ii) 383.51(b)(1) to (4) .............................................................................. 110

For a duplicate commercial driver’s license........................................... 19

For any change of information on a commercial driver’s license .................................................. 9

For each endorsement added after the issuance of an original commercial driver’s license ............ 14

For the administration of a driving skills test for the issuance, renewal or transfer of a commercial driver’s license or to change any information on, or add an endorsement to, an existing commercial driver’s license ......................... 30

2. The Department shall charge and collect an annual fee of $555 from each person who is authorized by the Department to administer a driving skills test pursuant to NRS 483.912.

3. An additional charge of $3 must be charged for each knowledge test administered to a person who has twice failed the test.

4. An additional charge of $25 must be charged for each driving skills test administered to a person who has twice failed the test.

5. The increase in fees authorized in NRS 483.347 must be paid in addition to the fees charged pursuant to this section.
6. The Department shall charge an applicant for a hazardous materials endorsement an additional fee for the processing of fingerprints. The Department shall establish the additional fee by regulation, except that the amount of the additional fee must not exceed the sum of the amount charged by the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and each applicable federal agency to process the fingerprints for a background check of the applicant in accordance with Section 1012 of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act (USA PATRIOT ACT) of 2001, 49 U.S.C. § 5103a.

Sec. 15. NRS 483.936 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.936 A person who is a resident of a foreign jurisdiction which the Federal Highway Administrator has determined does not test drivers and issue commercial drivers’ licenses in accordance with federal standards [or who is a resident of a state while that state is prohibited from issuing commercial drivers’ licenses pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 384.405] and who wishes to be issued a [nonresident] limited-term commercial driver’s license or [nonresident] limited-term commercial learner’s permit by this State must:

1. Apply to the Department for a [nonresident] limited-term commercial driver’s license or [nonresident] limited-term commercial learner’s permit; and

2. Comply with all other requirements contained in the regulations adopted by the Department pursuant to NRS 483.908.

Sec. 15.3. NRS 484B.313 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484B.313 1. It is unlawful for any person to place, maintain or display upon or in view of any highway any unauthorized sign, signal, marking or device which purports to be or is an imitation of or resembles an official traffic-control device or railroad sign or signal, or which attempts to direct the movement of traffic, or which hides from view or interferes with the effectiveness of any such device, sign or signal, and except as otherwise provided in [subsection] subsections 4 [ and 5], a person shall not place or maintain nor may any public authority permit upon any highway any sign, signal, marking or street banner bearing thereon any commercial advertising [except on benches and shelters for passengers of public mass transportation for which a franchise has been granted pursuant to NRS 244.187 and 244.188, 268.081 and 268.083, 269.128 and 269.129, or 277A.310 and 277A.330, or on monorail stations.]

2. Every such prohibited sign, signal or marking is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, and the proper public authority may remove the same or cause it to be removed without notice.
3. This section does not prohibit the erection upon private property adjacent to highways of signs giving useful directional information and of a type that cannot be mistaken for official traffic-control devices.

4. A person may place and maintain commercial advertising in an airspace above a highway under the conditions specified pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 405.110, and a public authority may permit commercial advertising that has been placed in an airspace above a highway under the conditions specified pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 405.110.

5. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to any sign, signal, marking or street banner bearing thereon any commercial advertising that is located:
   (a) On a bench or shelter for passengers of public mass transportation built pursuant to a franchise granted pursuant to NRS 244.187 and 244.188, 268.081 and 268.083, 269.128 and 269.129, or 277A.310 and 277A.330;
   (b) On a monorail station; or
   (c) On a touchdown structure if a public authority authorizes such advertising and the advertising is placed and maintained by a person who owns real property adjacent to the touchdown structure and who has:
      (1) Dedicated the touchdown structure to the public authority or has granted a fee or perpetual easement to the public authority for the construction or maintenance of the touchdown structure; and
      (2) Entered a written agreement with the public authority on terms and conditions acceptable to the public authority.

6. If a franchisee receives revenues from commercial advertising authorized by subsection 1 and the franchisee is obligated to repay a bond issued by the State of Nevada, the franchisee shall use all revenue generated by the advertising authorized by subsection 1 to meet its obligations to the State of Nevada as set forth in the financing agreement and bond indenture, including, without limitation, the payment of operations and maintenance obligations, the funding of reserves and the payment of debt service. To the extent that any surplus revenue remains after the payment of all such obligations, the surplus revenue must be used solely to repay the bond until the bond is repaid.

7. As used in this section:
   (a) “Monorail station” means:
      (1) A structure for the loading and unloading of passengers from a monorail for which a franchise has been granted pursuant to NRS 705.695 or an agreement has been entered into pursuant to NRS 705.695; and
(2) Any facilities or appurtenances within such a structure.

(b) “Street banner” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 277A.130.

(c) “Touchdown structure” means a structure, connected to a pedestrian bridge, which houses an elevator.

Sec. 15.5. NRS 405.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

405.110  1. Except on benches and shelters for passengers of public mass transportation for which a franchise has been granted pursuant to NRS 244.187 and 244.188, 268.081 and 268.083, 269.128 and 269.129, or 277A.310 and 277A.330, or on monorail stations, as otherwise provided in subsection 5, no advertising signs, signboards, boards or other materials containing advertising matter may:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, be placed upon or over any state highway.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 4, be placed within the highway right-of-way.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, be placed upon any bridge or other structure thereon.

(d) Be so situated with respect to any public highway as to obstruct clear vision of an intersecting highway or highways or otherwise so situated as to constitute a hazard upon or prevent the safe use of the state highway.

2. With the permission of the Department of Transportation, counties, towns or cities of this State may place at such points as are designated by the Director of the Department of Transportation suitable signboards advertising the counties, towns or municipalities.

3. A person may place an advertising sign, signboard, board or other material containing advertising matter in any airspace above a highway if:

(a) The Department of Transportation has leased the airspace to the person pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 408.507, the airspace is over an interstate highway and:

(1) The purpose of the sign, signboard, board or other material is to identify a commercial establishment that is entirely located within the airspace, services rendered, or goods produced or sold upon the commercial establishment or that the facility or property that is located within the airspace is for sale or lease; and

(2) The size, location and design of the sign, signboard, board or other material and the quantity of signs, signboards, boards or other materials have been approved by the Department of Transportation; or

(b) The person owns real property adjacent to an interstate highway and:
(1) The person has dedicated to a public authority a fee or perpetual easement interest in at least 1 acre of the property for the construction or maintenance, or both, of the highway over which the person is placing the sign, signboard, board or other material and the person retained the air rights in the airspace above the property for which the person has dedicated the interest;

(2) The sign, signboard, board or other material is located in the airspace for which the person retained the air rights;

(3) The structure that supports the sign, signboard, board or other material is not located on the property for which the person dedicated the fee or easement interest to the public authority, and the public authority determines that the location of the structure does not create a traffic hazard; and

(4) The purpose of the sign, signboard, board or other material is to identify an establishment or activity that is located on the real property adjacent to the interstate highway, or services rendered or goods provided or sold on that property.

4. A tenant of a mobile home park may exhibit a political sign within a right-of-way of a state highway or road which is owned or controlled by the Department of Transportation if the tenant exhibits the sign within the boundary of the tenant’s lot and in accordance with the requirements and limitations set forth in NRS 118B.145. As used in this subsection, the term “political sign” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 118B.145.

5. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to any advertising, signs, signboards or other materials containing advertising matter located:

(a) On a bench or shelter for passengers of public mass transportation built pursuant to a franchise granted pursuant to NRS 244.187 and 244.188, 268.081 and 268.083, 269.128 and 269.129, or 277A.310 and 277A.330;

(b) On a monorail station; or

(c) On a touchdown structure if a public authority authorizes such advertising matter and the advertising matter is placed and maintained by a person who owns real property adjacent to the touchdown structure and who has:

(1) Dedicated the touchdown structure to the public authority or has granted a fee or perpetual easement to the public authority for the construction or maintenance of the touchdown structure; and

(2) Entered a written agreement with the public authority on terms and conditions acceptable to the public authority.

6. If any such sign is placed in violation of this section, it is thereby declared a public nuisance and may be removed forthwith by the Department of Transportation or the public authority.
7. Any person placing any such sign in violation of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than $250, and is also liable in damages for any injury or injuries incurred or for injury to or loss of property sustained by any person by reason of the violation.

8. If a franchisee receives revenues from an advertising sign, signboard, board or other material containing advertising matter authorized by subsection 1 and the franchisee is obligated to repay a bond issued by the State of Nevada, the franchisee shall use all revenue generated by the advertising sign, signboard, board or other material containing advertising matter authorized by subsection 1 to meet its obligations to the State of Nevada as set forth in the financing agreement and bond indenture, including, without limitation, the payment of operations and maintenance obligations, the funding of reserves and the payment of debt service. To the extent that any surplus revenue remains after the payment of all such obligations, the surplus revenue must be used solely to repay the bond until the bond is repaid.

9. As used in this section, "monorail":
   (a) "Monorail station" means:
      (1) A structure for the loading and unloading of passengers from a monorail for which a franchise has been granted pursuant to NRS 705.695 or an agreement has been entered into pursuant to NRS 705.695; and
      (2) Any facilities or appurtenances within such a structure.
   (b) "Touchdown structure" means a structure, connected to a pedestrian bridge, which houses an elevator.

Sec. 15.7. NRS 410.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:
410.320 Outdoor advertising shall not be erected or maintained within 660 feet of the nearest edge of the right-of-way and visible from the main-traveled way of the interstate or primary highway systems in this state, and, outside urban areas outdoor advertising shall not be erected or maintained beyond 660 feet from the nearest edge of the right-of-way of the interstate and primary highway systems which is visible and placed with the purpose of having its message read from the main-traveled way of the interstate and primary highway systems in this state, except the following:

1. Directional, warning, landmark, informational and other official signs and notices, including but not limited to signs and notices pertaining to natural wonders, scenic and historic attractions. Only signs which are required or authorized by law or by federal, state or county authority, and which conform to national standards promulgated by the Secretary of Transportation pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 131, are permitted.
2. Signs, displays and devices which advertise the sale or lease of the property upon which they are located.

3. Signs, displays and devices which advertise the activities conducted or services rendered or the goods produced or sold upon the property upon which the advertising sign, display or device is erected.

4. Signs, displays and devices located in zoned commercial or industrial areas, when located within 660 feet of the nearest edge of the right-of-way and visible from the main-traveled way of the interstate and primary highway systems within this state.

5. Signs, displays and devices located in an unzoned commercial or industrial area as defined in NRS 410.300, when located within 660 feet of the nearest edge of the right-of-way and visible from the main-traveled way of the interstate and primary highway systems within this state.

6. Nonconforming signs in defined hardship areas which provide directional information about goods and services in the interest of the traveling public and are approved by the Secretary of Transportation pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 131(o).

7. Signs, displays and devices located as described in subsection 5 of NRS 405.110 and subsection 5 of NRS 484B.313.

Sec. 16. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 17. 1. This section and sections 1 to 9, inclusive, and 15.3 to 16, inclusive, of this act become effective on July 1, 2017.

2. Sections 10 to 15, inclusive, of this act become effective on October 1, 2017.