

SENATE BILL NO. 279—SENATOR SETTELMAYER

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Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to transportation network companies. (BDR 58-895)

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.

AN ACT relating to transportation network companies; authorizing a transportation network company to charge an increased fare in certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law authorizes the Nevada Transportation Authority to adopt
2 regulations that establish a maximum fare that a transportation network company is
3 authorized to charge in an emergency. (NRS 706A.170) Existing regulations
4 prohibit a transportation network company from charging a fare during an
5 emergency which is in excess of the base rate on file with the Authority on the date
6 of the emergency. (NAC 706A.290) This bill eliminates the authority of the
7 Authority to adopt regulations that establish a maximum fare that a transportation
8 network company may charge in an emergency and instead authorizes a
9 transportation network company to charge an increased fare during an emergency
10 only if: (1) the increased fare does not take effect until at least 1 week after the
11 emergency began; and (2) all additional revenue from the increased fare is paid
12 directly to the driver who provides the transportation services which are subject to
13 the increased fare.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 706A.170 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 706A.170 1. In accordance with the provisions of this
4 chapter, a transportation network company which holds a valid
5 permit issued by the Authority pursuant to this chapter may, on



1 behalf of a driver, charge a fare for transportation services provided
2 to a passenger by the driver.

3 2. If a fare is charged, the company must disclose the rates
4 charged by the company and the method by which the amount of a
5 fare is calculated:

6 (a) On an Internet website maintained by the company; or

7 (b) Within the digital network or software application service of
8 the company.

9 3. If a fare is charged, the company must offer to each
10 passenger the option to receive, before the passenger enters the
11 motor vehicle of a driver, an estimate of the amount of the fare that
12 will be charged to the passenger.

13 4. A transportation network company may accept payment of a
14 fare only electronically. A transportation network company or a
15 driver shall not solicit or accept cash as payment of a fare.

16 5. A transportation network company shall not impose any
17 additional charge for a driver who provides transportation services
18 to a person with a physical disability because of the disability.

19 6. ~~[The Authority may adopt regulations establishing a~~
20 ~~maximum fare that may be charged]~~ *A transportation network*
21 *company may charge a fare* during an emergency ~~[, as defined]~~
22 *which is higher than the fare charged immediately before the*
23 *emergency began only if:*

24 (a) *The increased fare does not take effect until at least 1 week*
25 *after the emergency began; and*

26 (b) *All additional revenue generated by the increased fare is*
27 *paid directly to the driver who provides the transportation services*
28 *which are subject to the increased fare.*

29 7. *As used in this section, "emergency" has the meaning*
30 *ascribed to it in NRS 414.0345.*

31 **Sec. 2.** The regulations adopted by the Nevada Transportation
32 Authority which are codified as NAC 706A.290 are hereby declared
33 void. In preparing the supplements to the Nevada Administrative
34 Code on or after July 1, 2021, the Legislative Counsel shall remove
35 those regulations.

36 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2021.

