

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 183—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(ON BEHALF OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S ASSOCIATION)

FEBRUARY 10, 1999

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Makes various changes to provisions concerning procedures for drivers of vehicles involved in accidents. (BDR 43-466)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~for omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; requiring drivers of vehicles involved in certain accidents to stop, give information, render aid and report accident if they know or have reason to know that an accident has occurred; requiring drivers of vehicles involved in certain accidents to inquire about accident after stopping; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 484.219 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 484.219 1. The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident on a
3 highway or on premises to which the public has access resulting in bodily
4 injury to or the death of a person shall ***, if he knows or has reason to know***
5 ***that an accident has occurred,*** immediately stop his vehicle at the scene of
6 the accident or as close thereto as possible, and shall forthwith return to
7 ~~***[and in every event shall]***~~ ***the scene of the accident, make reasonable***
8 ***inquiry concerning the extent and circumstances of the accident and***
9 remain at the scene of the accident until he has fulfilled the requirements of
10 NRS 484.223.
11 2. Every such stop must be made without obstructing traffic more than
12 is necessary.

1 3. A person failing to comply with the provisions of subsection 1 is
2 guilty of a category B felony and shall be punished by imprisonment in the
3 state prison for a minimum term of not less than 2 years and a maximum
4 term of not more than 15 years and by a fine of not less than \$2,000 nor
5 more than \$5,000.

6 **Sec. 2.** NRS 484.221 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 484.221 The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting
8 only in damage to a vehicle or other property which is driven or attended
9 by any person shall *, if he knows or has reason to know that an accident*
10 *has occurred*, immediately stop his vehicle at the scene of the accident or,
11 if his vehicle is obstructing traffic, at a location as close thereto as possible
12 that does not obstruct traffic, and shall forthwith return to *the scene of the*
13 *accident, make reasonable inquiry concerning the extent and*
14 *circumstances of the accident* and remain at the scene of the accident until
15 he has fulfilled the requirements of NRS 484.223.

16 **Sec. 3.** NRS 484.223 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 484.223 1. The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident
18 resulting in injury to or death of any person or damage to any vehicle or
19 other property which is driven or attended by any person shall ~~it~~, *if he*
20 *knows or has reason to know that an accident has occurred:*

21 (a) Give his name, address and the registration number of the vehicle he
22 is driving, and shall upon request and if available exhibit his license to
23 operate a motor vehicle to any person injured in ~~such~~ *the* accident or to
24 the driver or occupant of or person attending any vehicle or other property
25 damaged in ~~such~~ *the* accident;

26 (b) Give such information and upon request manually surrender ~~such~~
27 *his* license to any police officer at the scene of the accident or who is
28 investigating the accident; and

29 (c) Render to any person injured in ~~such~~ *the* accident reasonable
30 assistance, including the carrying, or the making of arrangements for the
31 carrying, of ~~such~~ *the injured* person to a physician, surgeon or hospital
32 for medical or surgical treatment if it is apparent that such treatment is
33 necessary, or if ~~such~~ carrying is requested by the injured person.

34 2. If no police officer is present, the driver of any vehicle involved in
35 ~~such~~ *the* accident after fulfilling all other requirements of subsection 1
36 and NRS 484.219, insofar as possible on his part to be performed, shall
37 forthwith report ~~such~~ *the* accident to the nearest office of a police
38 authority or of the Nevada highway patrol and submit thereto the
39 information specified in subsection 1.

1 **Sec. 4.** NRS 484.225 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 484.225 The driver of any vehicle which collides with or is involved
3 in an accident with any vehicle or other property which is unattended,
4 resulting in any damage to ~~{such}~~ *the* other vehicle or property, shall *, if he*
5 *knows or has reason to know that a collision or accident has occurred,*
6 immediately stop *and make reasonable inquiry concerning the extent and*
7 *circumstances of the collision or accident* and shall then and there locate
8 and notify the operator or owner of ~~{such}~~ *the* vehicle or other property of
9 the name and address of the driver and owner of the vehicle striking the
10 unattended vehicle or other property or shall attach securely in a
11 conspicuous place in or on ~~{such}~~ *the* vehicle or property a written notice
12 giving the name and address of the driver and of the owner of the vehicle
13 doing the striking.
14 **Sec. 5.** NRS 484.227 is hereby amended to read as follows:
15 484.227 1. The driver of a vehicle which collides with or is involved
16 in an accident with any vehicle or other property which is unattended,
17 resulting in any damage to ~~{such}~~ *the* other vehicle or property, shall *, if he*
18 *knows or has reason to know that a collision or accident has occurred,*
19 immediately by the quickest means of communication give notice of ~~{such}~~
20 *the collision or* accident to the nearest office of a police authority or of the
21 Nevada highway patrol.
22 2. Whenever the driver of a vehicle is physically incapable of giving
23 an immediate notice of ~~{an}~~ *a collision or* accident as required in
24 subsection 1 and there was another occupant in the vehicle at the time of
25 the accident capable of doing so, such occupant shall make or cause to be
26 given the notice not given by the driver.
27 **Sec. 6.** The amendatory provisions of this act do not apply to offenses
28 which are committed before October 1, 1999.