

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 677—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

MARCH 22, 1999

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Limits duty of transportation services authority to impound vehicles in passenger service without certificate of public convenience and necessity. (BDR 58-1599)

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

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

AN ACT relating to motor carriers; limiting the duty of the transportation services authority to impound vehicles that are in passenger service without a certificate of public convenience and necessity; 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 706.476 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 706.476 1. A vehicle used as a taxicab ~~[, limousine or other~~
3 ~~passenger vehicle]~~ ***or limousine*** in passenger service must be impounded
4 by the authority if a certificate of public convenience and necessity has not
5 been issued authorizing its operation. A hearing must be held by the
6 authority no later than the conclusion of the second normal business day
7 after impoundment, weekends and holidays excluded. As soon as
8 practicable after impoundment, the authority shall notify the registered
9 owner of the vehicle:
10 (a) That the registered owner of the vehicle must post a bond in the
11 amount of \$20,000 to ensure his presence at all proceedings held pursuant
12 to this section;
13 (b) Of the time set for the hearing; and
14 (c) Of his right to be represented by counsel during all phases of the
15 proceedings.
16 2. The authority shall hold the vehicle until the registered owner of the
17 vehicle appears and:
18 (a) Proves that he is the registered owner of the vehicle;

1 (b) Proves that he holds a valid certificate of public convenience and
2 necessity;

3 (c) Proves that the vehicle meets all required standards of the authority;
4 and

5 (d) Posts a bond in the amount of \$20,000 with the administrator.

6 The authority shall return the vehicle to its registered owner when the
7 owner meets the requirements of this subsection and pays all costs of
8 impoundment.

9 3. If the registered owner is unable to meet the requirements of
10 paragraph (b) or (c) of subsection 2, the authority may assess an
11 administrative fine against the registered owner for each such violation in
12 the amount of \$5,000. The maximum amount of the administrative fine
13 that may be assessed against a registered owner for a single impoundment
14 of his vehicle pursuant to this section is \$10,000. The authority shall return
15 the vehicle after any administrative fine imposed pursuant to this
16 subsection and all costs of impoundment have been paid.

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