

SENATE BILL NO. 337—SENATOR O'DONNELL

MARCH 8, 1999

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises provisions concerning use of siren by emergency vehicle. (BDR 43-860)

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 ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; prohibiting the use of a siren by an emergency vehicle on a freeway; specifically authorizing an emergency vehicle to operate warning lamps without sounding the siren; 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 484.607 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 484.607 1. Every motor vehicle when operated upon a highway must
3 be equipped with a horn in good working order and capable of emitting
4 sound audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less than 200
5 feet, but the horn or other warning device must not emit an unreasonably
6 loud or harsh sound or a whistle.
7 2. A person driving a motor vehicle shall, when reasonably necessary
8 to ensure safe operation, give audible warning with his horn, but shall not
9 otherwise use the horn when upon a highway.
10 3. A vehicle must not be equipped with, and a person shall not use
11 upon a vehicle, a siren, whistle or bell, except as otherwise provided in this
12 chapter.
13 4. It is permissible, but not required, to equip a vehicle with a theft
14 alarm which is arranged so that it cannot be used by the driver as an
15 ordinary warning signal.
16 5. An authorized emergency vehicle may be equipped with a siren,
17 whistle or bell, capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions
18 from a distance of not less than 500 feet, but the siren must not be used

1 except when the vehicle is operated in response to an emergency call or in
2 the immediate pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law ~~in~~
3 ~~which event~~ *and must not be used on a freeway under any*
4 *circumstances. In lawful use,* the driver of the vehicle shall sound the siren
5 when necessary to warn pedestrians and other drivers of his approach. *A*
6 *driver of an emergency vehicle may operate the vehicle's warning lamps*
7 *without sounding the siren.*

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