

Assembly Bill No. 383—Assemblymen Koivisto, Bache, McClain, Parks, Anderson, Arberry, Brown, Chowning, Claborn, Freeman, Giunchigliani, Manendo, Mortenson, Nolan, Ocegüera, Ohrenschall, Price, Smith and Tiffany

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to traffic laws; prohibiting the driver of a motor vehicle from permitting a person to ride upon the bed of a flatbed truck or within the bed of a pickup truck under certain circumstances; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

**Section 1.** NRS 484.473 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484.473 ~~[A person]~~

*1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 4, a driver shall not permit a person, with regard to a motor vehicle being operated on a paved highway within a county whose population is 100,000 or more, to ride ~~[on any vehicle]~~ upon or within any portion ~~[thereof]~~ of the vehicle that is primarily designed or intended for carrying goods or other cargo or that is otherwise not designed or intended for the use of passengers ~~[- This provision does not apply to an employee engaged in the necessary discharge of a duty, or to a person or persons riding within truck bodies and space intended for merchandise.]~~, including, without limitation:*

- (a) Upon the bed of a flatbed truck; or*
- (b) Within the bed of a pickup truck.*

*2. A driver may permit a person to ride upon the bed of a flatbed truck or within the bed of a pickup truck if the person is:*

- (a) Eighteen years of age or older; or*
- (b) Under 18 years of age and the motor vehicle is:*

*(1) Not being operated on a freeway or other road that has two or more lanes for traffic traveling in one direction;*

*(2) Being used in the course of farming or ranching; or*

*(3) Being driven in a parade authorized by a local authority.*

*3. A citation must be issued to a driver who permits a person to ride upon the bed of a flatbed truck or within the bed of a pickup truck in violation of subsection 1. A driver who is cited pursuant to this subsection shall be punished by a fine of at least \$35 but not more than \$100.*

*4. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to the portion of the bed of a truck that is covered by a camper shell or slide-in camper.*

*5. A violation of this section:*

*(a) Is not a moving traffic violation for the purposes of NRS 483.473; and*

*(b) May not be considered as:*

*(1) Negligence or causation in a civil action; or*

*(2) Negligent or reckless driving for the purposes of NRS 484.377.*

*6. As used in this section:*

*(a) "Camper shell" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 361.017.*

*(b) "Freeway" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 408.060.*

*(c) "Slide-in camper" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 482.113.*

**Sec. 2.** The amendatory provisions of this act do not apply to offenses committed before October 1, 2001.