

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 540—COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND LABOR

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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Provides for identification, registration, regulation, taxation and other treatment of recreational park trailers as recreational vehicles. (BDR 43-799)

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 recreational park trailers; providing for their identification, registration, regulation, taxation and other treatment as recreational vehicles; providing for the issuance of permits for the movement of oversized recreational park trailers; 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.** Chapter 482 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
2 new section to read as follows:
3 ***“Recreational park trailer” means a vehicle which is primarily***
4 ***designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping***
5 ***or seasonal use and which:***
6 1. ***Is built on a single chassis mounted on wheels;***
7 2. ***Has a gross trailer area not exceeding 400 square feet in the set-***
8 ***up mode; and***
9 3. ***Is certified by the manufacturer as complying with Standard No.***
10 ***A119.5 of the American National Standards Institute.***
11 **Sec. 2.** NRS 482.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:
12 482.010 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires,
13 the words and terms defined in NRS 482.011 to 482.137, inclusive, ***and***
14 ***section 1 of this act*** have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.
15 **Sec. 3.** NRS 482.067 is hereby amended to read as follows:
16 482.067 “Mobile home” means a vehicular structure, built on a chassis
17 or frame, which is designed to be used with or without a permanent
18 foundation and is capable of being drawn by a motor vehicle. It may be
19 used as a dwelling when connected to utilities or may be used permanently
20 or temporarily for the advertising, sales, display or promotion of



1 merchandise or services. *The term does not include a recreational park*
2 *trailer.*

3 **Sec. 4.** NRS 482.101 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 482.101 "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicular-type unit primarily
5 designed as temporary living quarters for travel, recreational or camping
6 use, which may be self-propelled, mounted upon, or drawn by, a motor
7 vehicle. *The term includes a recreational park trailer.*

8 **Sec. 5.** Chapter 484 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
9 new section to read as follows:

10 *"Recreational park trailer" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 1*
11 *of this act.*

12 **Sec. 6.** NRS 484.013 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 484.013 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires,
14 the words and terms defined in NRS 484.014 to 484.217, inclusive, *and*
15 *section 5 of this act* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

16 **Sec. 7.** NRS 484.762 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 484.762 1. The department of transportation may, upon application
18 in writing, if good cause appears, issue a special or multiple trip-limited
19 time permit in writing authorizing the applicant to move *a recreational*
20 *park trailer*, a manufactured or mobile home, or any other similar type of
21 vehicle or structure, in excess of the maximum width, but not exceeding,
22 except as otherwise provided in NRS 484.7625, 120 inches exclusive of
23 appendages which must not extend beyond 3 inches on either side. The
24 department of transportation may establish seasonal or other limitations on
25 the time within which the *trailer*, home, vehicle or structure may be moved
26 on the highways indicated, and may require an undertaking or other
27 security as may be considered necessary to protect the highways and
28 bridges from injury or to provide indemnity for any injury resulting from
29 the operation. Permits for the movement of *trailers*, homes, vehicles or
30 structures as provided for in this section may be issued only to licensed
31 manufacturers, dealers, owners and transporters and may be issued only
32 under the following conditions:

33 (a) The power unit used to tow an overwidth *trailer*, home, vehicle or
34 structure having a gross weight of 18,000 pounds or less must be a three-
35 quarter-ton truck or tractor, or a truck or tractor of greater power equipped
36 with dual wheels.

37 (b) The power unit used to tow an overwidth *trailer*, home, vehicle or
38 structure having a gross weight in excess of 18,000 pounds must be a one-
39 and-one-half-ton, or larger, truck or tractor equipped with dual wheels.

40 (c) The *recreational park trailer or* mobile home for which the permit
41 is issued must comply with the provisions of NRS 484.745 relating to
42 maximum weight on axles.

43 (d) The insurer must furnish evidence of insurance verifying coverage
44 of the overwidth *trailer*, home, vehicle or structure in the amount of
45 \$100,000 because of bodily injury to or death of one person in any one
46 accident, in the amount of \$300,000 because of bodily injury to or death of
47 two or more persons in any one accident and in the amount of \$50,000
48 because of injury to or destruction of property of others in any one
49 accident.



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1 2. A permit which has been issued for the movement of *a recreational*
2 *park trailer*, a manufactured or mobile home, or a similar type of vehicle
3 or structure, is not valid between sunset and sunrise. The director of the
4 department of transportation may establish additional reasonable
5 regulations, consistent with this section, including regulations concerning
6 the movement of such a *trailer*, home, vehicle or structure on a Saturday,
7 Sunday or a legal holiday, as he considers necessary in the interest of
8 public safety.

9 **Sec. 8.** NRS 484.7625 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 484.7625 1. The department of transportation may, upon application
11 in writing, if good cause appears, issue a special or multiple trip-limited
12 time permit in writing authorizing the applicant to move *a recreational*
13 *park trailer*, a manufactured or mobile home, or any other similar type of
14 vehicle or structure, in excess of 120 inches in width but not exceeding 192
15 inches in width, including any appendages and roof eaves.

16 2. The movement of *a recreational park trailer*, a manufactured or
17 mobile home, or a similar type of vehicle or structure, pursuant to
18 subsection 1 is, in addition to the conditions and requirements of NRS
19 484.762, subject to the following requirements and conditions:

20 (a) "Wide-load" signs and red flags must be on the front of the towing
21 vehicle and on the rear of the *trailer*, home, vehicle or structure.

22 (b) The towing vehicle must be a one-and-one-half-ton or larger truck
23 or tractor equipped with dual wheels.

24 (c) The applicant must present evidence satisfactory to the department
25 that he is financially responsible and that he has complied or is able to
26 comply with the equipment requirements.

27 (d) As an additional warning to approaching traffic, the towing vehicle
28 must be operated with the headlights turned on low beam.

29 (e) The driver of the towing vehicle shall do everything possible to
30 prevent the congestion or slowing down of traffic in either direction
31 because of the overwidth *trailer*, home, vehicle or structure and shall, if
32 necessary to maintain the normal flow of traffic, drive the towing vehicle
33 and the *trailer*, home, vehicle or structure off the pavement where safe to
34 do so, in order that traffic may pass.

35 (f) When two or more *trailers*, homes, vehicles or structures in excess
36 of 120 inches in width are moved over the same highway in the same
37 direction, the drivers of the towing vehicles shall maintain a distance of at
38 least 1,000 feet between vehicles.

39 3. The department of transportation shall:

40 (a) Designate the highways over which *recreational park trailers*,
41 manufactured or mobile homes, or other similar types of vehicles or
42 structures, in excess of 120 inches in width may be moved, and may
43 require a pilot car to precede or follow the load.

44 (b) Prescribe, by regulation, standards for moving *trailers*, homes,
45 vehicles or structures, in excess of 120 inches in width, including the times
46 and days when such moving is permitted, and additional safety precautions
47 to be taken.

48 4. The regulations adopted pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 3
49 may establish different standards that are applicable only to the moving of



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1 *a recreational park trailer*, a manufactured or mobile home, or other
2 similar types of vehicle or structure, that is in excess of 168 inches,
3 excluding any appendages and roof eaves, but does not exceed 192 inches
4 in width, including any appendages and roof eaves.

5 **Sec. 9.** NRS 487.001 is hereby amended to read as follows:
6 487.001 **1.** The provisions of this chapter, except NRS 487.035 and
7 487.290, apply to mobile homes although not licensed or registered.

8 **2.** As used in this section, "mobile home" means a vehicular structure,
9 built on a chassis or frame, which is designed to be used with or without a
10 permanent foundation and is capable of being drawn by a motor vehicle.
11 *The term does not include a recreational park trailer as defined in*
12 *section 1 of this act.*

13 **Sec. 10.** Chapter 489 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
14 new section to read as follows:
15 *"Recreational park trailer" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 1*
16 *of this act.*

17 **Sec. 11.** NRS 489.031 is hereby amended to read as follows:
18 489.031 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires,
19 the words and terms defined in NRS 489.036 to 489.155, inclusive, *and*
20 *section 10 of this act*, have the meanings ascribed to them in those
21 sections.

22 **Sec. 12.** NRS 489.062 is hereby amended to read as follows:
23 489.062 "Commercial coach" means a structure without motive power
24 which is designed and equipped for human occupancy for industrial,
25 professional or commercial purposes. *The term does not include a*
26 *recreational park trailer.*

27 **Sec. 13.** NRS 489.113 is hereby amended to read as follows:
28 489.113 1. "Manufactured home" means a structure which is:
29 (a) Built on a permanent chassis;
30 (b) Designed to be used with or without a permanent foundation as a
31 dwelling when connected to utilities;
32 (c) Transportable in one or more sections; and
33 (d) Eight feet or more in body width or 40 feet or more in body length
34 when transported, or, when erected on site, contains 320 square feet or
35 more.

36 2. The term includes:
37 (a) The plumbing, heating, air-conditioning and electrical systems of the
38 structure.
39 (b) Any structure:
40 (1) Which meets the requirements of paragraphs (a) to (c), inclusive,
41 of subsection 1, and with respect to which the manufacturer voluntarily
42 files a certification required by the Secretary of Housing and Urban
43 Development and complies with the standards established under the
44 National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of
45 1974, ~~42~~ 42 U.S.C. §§ 5401 et seq. ; ~~42~~ or
46 (2) Built in compliance with the requirements of chapter 461 of NRS.
47 **3.** *The term does not include a recreational park trailer.*



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1 **Sec. 14.** NRS 489.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 489.120 **1.** "Mobile home" means a structure which is:
3 ~~1-1~~ **(a)** Built on a permanent chassis;
4 ~~1-2~~ **(b)** Designed to be used with or without a permanent foundation as
5 a dwelling when connected to utilities; and
6 ~~1-3~~ **(c)** Transportable in one or more sections.
7 **2.** The term includes the design of the body and frame and the
8 plumbing, heating, air-conditioning and electrical systems of the mobile
9 home. ~~"Mobile home"~~
10 **3.** *The term* does not include a **recreational park trailer**, travel trailer,
11 commercial coach ~~or~~ **or** manufactured home or any structure built in
12 compliance with the requirements of chapter 461 of NRS.
13 **Sec. 15.** NRS 489.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:
14 489.150 **1.** "Travel trailer" means a portable structure mounted on
15 wheels, consisting of a vehicular chassis primarily designed as temporary
16 living quarters for recreational, camping or travel use and designed to be
17 drawn by another vehicle, and designated by the manufacturer as a travel
18 trailer. *The term does not include a recreational park trailer.*
19 **2.** A vehicle is not a travel trailer if, when equipped for highway use, it
20 is more than 8 feet wide.
21 **Sec. 16.** NRS 40.215 is hereby amended to read as follows:
22 40.215 As used in NRS 40.215 to 40.425, inclusive, unless the context
23 requires otherwise:
24 **1.** "Mobile home" means every vehicle, including equipment, which is
25 constructed, reconstructed or added to in such a way as to have an enclosed
26 room or addition occupied by one or more persons as a dwelling or
27 sleeping place and which has no foundation other than wheels, jacks,
28 skirting or other temporary support.
29 **2.** "Mobile home lot" means a portion of land within a mobile home
30 park which is rented or held out for rent to accommodate a mobile home.
31 **3.** "Mobile home park" or "park" means an area or tract of land where
32 two or more mobile homes or mobile home lots are rented or held out for
33 rent. "Mobile home park" or "park" does not include those areas or tracts
34 of land, whether within or outside of a park, where the lots are held out for
35 rent on a nightly basis.
36 **4.** "Premises" includes a mobile home.
37 **5.** "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicular structure primarily
38 designed as temporary living quarters for travel, recreational or camping
39 use, which may be self-propelled or mounted upon or drawn by a motor
40 vehicle. *The term includes a recreational park trailer as defined in*
41 *section 1 of this act.*
42 **6.** "Recreational vehicle lot" means a portion of land within a
43 recreational vehicle park, or a portion of land so designated within a
44 mobile home park, which is rented or held out for rent to accommodate a
45 recreational vehicle overnight or for less than 3 months.
46 **7.** "Recreational vehicle park" means an area or tract of land where
47 lots are rented or held out for rent to accommodate a recreational vehicle
48 overnight or for less than 3 months.



1 **Sec. 17.** NRS 118B.018 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 118B.018 "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicular structure primarily
3 designed as temporary living quarters for travel, recreational or camping
4 use, which may be self-propelled or mounted upon or drawn by a motor
5 vehicle. *The term includes a recreational park trailer as defined in*
6 *section 1 of this act.*

7 **Sec. 18.** NRS 361.029 is hereby amended to read as follows:
8 361.029 "Mobile home" means a vehicular structure, built on a chassis
9 or frame, which is designed to be used with or without a permanent
10 foundation and is capable of being drawn by a motor vehicle. It may be
11 used as a dwelling when connected to utilities or may be used permanently
12 or temporarily for the advertising, sales, display or promotion of
13 merchandise or services. *The term does not include a recreational park*
14 *trailer as defined in section 1 of this act.*

15 **Sec. 19.** NRS 361.561 is hereby amended to read as follows:
16 361.561 Those units identified as "chassis-mount camper," "mini
17 motor home," "motor home," *"recreational park trailer,"* "travel trailer,"
18 "utility trailer" and "van conversion," in chapter 482 of NRS and any other
19 vehicle required to be registered with the department of motor vehicles and
20 public safety are subject to the personal property tax unless registered and
21 taxed pursuant to chapter 371 of NRS. Such unregistered units and vehicles
22 must be taxed in the manner provided in NRS 361.562 to 361.5644,
23 inclusive.

24 **Sec. 20.** Chapter 461 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
25 new section to read as follows:
26 *"Recreational park trailer" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 1*
27 *of this act.*

28 **Sec. 21.** NRS 461.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:
29 461.040 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires,
30 the words and terms defined in NRS 461.050 to 461.160, inclusive, *and*
31 *section 20 of this act* have the meanings ascribed to them in such sections.

32 **Sec. 22.** NRS 461.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:
33 461.080 "Factory-built housing" means a residential building,
34 dwelling unit or habitable room thereof which is either wholly
35 manufactured or is in substantial part manufactured at an offsite location to
36 be wholly or partially assembled on site in accordance with regulations
37 adopted by the division pursuant to NRS 461.170 , but does not include a
38 mobile home ~~H~~ *or recreational park trailer.*

39 **Sec. 23.** NRS 461.132 is hereby amended to read as follows:
40 461.132 "Manufactured building" includes any modular building or
41 any building constructed using one or more modular components ~~H~~ , *but*
42 *does not include a recreational park trailer.*

43 **Sec. 24.** NRS 461.143 is hereby amended to read as follows:
44 461.143 "Modular building" means an office, apartment, school, motel
45 or other building, whether it is a total building or a room, which is either
46 wholly manufactured or is in substantial part manufactured at an offsite
47 location to be wholly or partially assembled on site in accordance with
48 regulations adopted by the division pursuant to NRS 461.170, but does not
49 include a mobile home ~~H~~ *or recreational park trailer.*



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1 **Sec. 25.** Chapter 461A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
2 new section to read as follows:

3 *“Recreational vehicle” includes, without limitation, a recreational*
4 *park trailer as defined in section 1 of this act.*

5 **Sec. 26.** NRS 461A.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 461A.010 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
7 requires, the terms defined in NRS 461A.020 to 461A.060, inclusive, *and*
8 *section 25 of this act* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

