

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 644—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

MARCH 26, 2001

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Restricts administrative authority to authorize operation of vehicles exceeding certain width. (BDR 43-1018)

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 vehicles; restricting the authority of the department of transportation and certain local governments to authorize the operation or other movement of vehicles exceeding a certain width; 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 484.743 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 484.743 1. ~~The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the*
3 board of directors of the department of transportation may by resolution
4 authorize the movement of vehicles upon the public highways, including ,
5 without limitation , motor vehicles, tractors, trailers, semitrailers and
6 combinations thereof, of a size and weight in excess of the limits
7 prescribed by this chapter, to such extent as may be authorized by any
8 legislation enacted by the Congress of the United States permitting such
9 increases without forfeiture of ~~this state's~~ *the eligibility of this state* for
10 federal aid in highway construction and maintenance.
11 2. *The board of directors of the department of transportation shall*
12 *not authorize the movement of a vehicle or combination of vehicles*
13 *whose width exceeds 102 inches if the vehicle or combination of vehicles*
14 *is used to transport radioactive, chemical or other hazardous material.*
15 3. The board of directors of the department of transportation may by
16 resolution establish a reasonable fee or fees to be charged by the
17 department for the issuance of permits authorizing the operation of
18 oversize or overweight vehicles as provided in this chapter. The fee or fees
19 so established must be in an amount set so that the aggregate amounts
20 received from the fee or fees do not exceed the estimated costs of
21 administering the permit system.



1 **Sec. 2.** NRS 484.7631 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 484.7631 1. ~~{The}~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the*
3 department of transportation with respect to highways under its jurisdiction
4 and the governing body of a city or county with respect to highways under
5 its jurisdiction ~~{shall,}~~ :
6 *(a) Shall,* upon application in writing, issue a permit to operate a
7 vehicle, or a vehicle with a load, having a width exceeding the legal
8 maximum width but not exceeding 120 inches in width on a highway,
9 unless the department or governing body determines that the operation
10 would be a safety hazard or would unduly impede the flow of traffic.
11 ~~{2. The department of transportation with respect to highways under its~~
12 ~~jurisdiction and the governing body of a city or county with respect to~~
13 ~~highways under its jurisdiction may}~~
14 *(b) May* adopt regulations providing for an annual permit or a permit for
15 a single trip for a vehicle, or a vehicle with a load exceeding 120 inches in
16 width and limiting the movement of the vehicle to certain hours of the day,
17 days of the week or routes considered necessary to protect public safety.
18 2. *No permit may be issued pursuant to this section authorizing the*
19 *operation of a vehicle whose width exceeds 102 inches if the vehicle is*
20 *used to transport radioactive, chemical or other hazardous material.*

