### ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 83-COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

# (ON BEHALF OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF SOUTHERN NEVADA)

### FEBRUARY 12, 2001

## Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Makes various changes concerning vehicles used to provide public mass transportation. (BDR 43-1020)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

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Effect on the State: Yes.

EXPLANATION - Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to vehicles; requiring the driver of a vehicle under certain circumstances to yield the right of way to buses and other vehicles used to provide public mass transportation; providing for the issuance under certain circumstances of a permit authorizing the operation or movement of certain heavier vehicles used to provide public mass transportation; 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.** Chapter 484 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right of way to a bus or other vehicle used to provide public mass transportation which is traveling in the same direction and which has properly signaled and is reentering the flow of traffic from a turnout lane for such buses or other vehicles.

- **Sec. 2.** NRS 484.3765 is hereby amended to read as follows: 484.3765 1. A driver commits an offense of aggressive driving if, during any single, continuous period of driving within the course of 1 mile, the driver does all the following, in any sequence:
- (a) Commits one or more acts of speeding in violation of NRS 484.361 or 484.366.
- (b) Commits two or more of the following acts, in any combination, or commits any of the following acts more than once:
- (1) Failing to obey an official traffic-control device in violation of NRS 484.278.



(2) Overtaking and passing another vehicle upon the right by driving off the paved portion of the highway in violation of NRS 484.297.

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- (3) Improper or unsafe driving upon a highway that has marked lanes for traffic in violation of NRS 484.305.
- (4) Following another vehicle too closely in violation of NRS 484.307.
- (5) Failing to yield the right of way in violation of any provision of NRS 484.315 to 484.323, inclusive [...], and section 1 of this act.
  (c) Creates an immediate hazard, regardless of its duration, to another
- vehicle or to another person, whether or not the other person is riding in or upon the vehicle of the driver or any other vehicle.
- 2. A driver may be prosecuted and convicted of an offense of aggressive driving in violation of subsection 1 whether or not the driver is prosecuted or convicted for committing any of the acts described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection 1.
- 3. A driver who commits an offense of aggressive driving in violation of subsection 1 is guilty of a misdemeanor. In addition to any other
- (a) For the first offense within 2 years, the court shall order the driver to attend, at his own expense, a course of traffic safety approved by the department and may issue an order suspending the driver's license of the driver for a period of not more than 30 days.
- (b) For a second or subsequent offense within 2 years, the court shall issue an order revoking the driver's license of the driver for a period of 1
- To determine whether the provisions of paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection 3 apply to one or more offenses of aggressive driving, the court shall use the date on which each offense of aggressive driving was committed.
- 5. If the driver is already the subject of any other order suspending or revoking his driver's license, the court shall order the additional period of suspension or revocation, as appropriate, to apply consecutively with the
- 6. If the court issues an order suspending or revoking the driver's license of the driver pursuant to this section, the court shall require the driver to surrender to the court all driver's licenses then held by the driver. The court shall, within 5 days after issuing the order, forward the driver's licenses and a copy of the order to the department.
- 7. If the driver successfully completes a course of traffic safety ordered pursuant to this section, the department shall cancel three demerit points from his driving record in accordance with NRS 483.475, unless the driver would not otherwise be entitled to have those demerit points canceled pursuant to the provisions of that section.
- 8. This section does not preclude the suspension or revocation of the driver's license of the driver pursuant to any other provision of law.
- Sec. 3. NRS 484.7485 is hereby amended to read as follows:

  484.7485 1. [A] Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a vehicle that is used by a regional transportation commission or its contractor to provide public mass transportation may be operated or moved



upon a public highway, other than a highway within the designated interstate system, if the maximum weight does not exceed, on a single axle with:

- (a) Single tires, 20,000 pounds; or
- (b) Dual tires, 25,000 pounds.

- 2. A vehicle with a maximum weight on a single axle with single tires of more than 20,000 pounds but not more than 29,000 pounds that is used by a regional transportation commission or its contractor to provide public mass transportation as part of a demonstration project may be operated or moved upon a public highway, other than a highway within the designated interstate system, if the tires are not less than 20 inches in width and the department of transportation, after conducting an evaluation of the vehicle:
- (a) Determines that such operation or movement of the vehicle is in the best interest of the department; and
- (b) In its discretion, issues a permit authorizing such operation or movement of the vehicle.
  - **3.** As used in this section:
- (a) "Contractor" means any person or governmental entity that has entered into a contract with a regional transportation commission to provide services related to the provision of public mass transportation, but only during the period in which the contract remains legally effective.
- (b) "Regional transportation commission" means any regional transportation commission created and organized in accordance with chapter 373 of NRS, and which provides or sponsors public mass transportation services.



