## SENATE BILL NO. 119-SENATOR SHAFFER

## FEBRUARY 13, 2001

## Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Requires taxicab authority to establish program for transportation by taxicab of elderly persons and permanently handicapped persons in certain counties. (BDR 58-692)

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 <del>[omitted material]</del> is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to taxicabs; requiring the taxicab authority to establish a program for the transportation by taxicab of elderly persons and permanently handicapped persons in certain counties; 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 706 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

- 1. The taxicab authority shall adopt regulations establishing a program for the transportation by taxicab of elderly persons and permanently handicapped persons.
  - 2. The program must require the administrator to:
- (a) Establish and maintain a telephone number for elderly persons and permanently handicapped persons to request transportation by taxicab;
- (b) Assign the requests for transportation by taxicab of elderly persons and permanently handicapped persons equitably among the certificate holders; and
- (c) Monitor and report to the taxicab authority on the performance of each certificate holder in fulfilling the requests for transportation by taxicab of elderly persons and permanently handicapped persons assigned to him by the administrator.
- 3. The taxicab authority shall require a certificate holder to participate in the program as a condition of exercising the rights granted by his certificate.
  - 4. As used in this section:

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(a) "Elderly person" means a person who is 60 years of age or older.



- (b) "Permanently handicapped person" means a person who provides the administrator with a certificate from a physician licensed in this state that describes the character and extent of the permanent handicap.
- **Sec. 2.** NRS 706.881 is hereby amended to read as follows: 706.881

  1. *The provisions of* NRS 706.8811 to 706.885, inclusive, and section 1 of this act apply to any county:
  - (a) Whose population is 400,000 or more; or

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- (b) For whom regulation by the taxicab authority is not required, if [its] the board of county commissioners of the county has enacted an ordinance approving the inclusion of the county within the jurisdiction of the taxicab authority.
- 2. Upon receipt of a certified copy of such an ordinance from a county for whom regulation by the taxicab authority is not required, the taxicab authority shall exercise its regulatory authority pursuant to NRS 706.8811 to 706.885, inclusive, within that county.
- 3. Within any such county, the provisions of this chapter which confer regulatory authority over taxicab motor carriers upon the transportation services authority do not apply.
  - **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2001.



