

SENATE BILL NO. 396—SENATOR MCGINNESS

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Makes various changes regarding traffic laws. (BDR 43-1219)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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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 traffic laws; requiring the driver of a slow-moving vehicle to turn off the roadway in certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from driving a vehicle in an imprudent or careless manner; providing that a vehicle upon a highway of this state must display appropriate lighted lamps and illuminating devices in certain circumstances; requiring the department of transportation to integrate the consideration of turnouts for vehicles into plans, designs, construction and maintenance of highways in certain circumstances; providing penalties; 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 484 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto
2 the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.
3 **Sec. 2. 1. *On a highway that has one lane for traveling in each***
4 *direction, where passing is unsafe because of traffic traveling in the*
5 *opposite direction or other conditions, the driver of a slow-moving*
6 *vehicle, behind which five or more vehicles are formed in a line, shall*
7 *turn off the roadway to allow the vehicles following behind to proceed:*
8 *(a) At the nearest place designated as a turnout by signs erected by the*
9 *public authority having jurisdiction over the highway; or*
10 *(b) Wherever sufficient area for a safe turnout exists.*
11 2. *A person who violates subsection 1 is guilty of a misdemeanor.*
12 3. *As used in this section, "slow-moving vehicle" means a vehicle*
13 *which is traveling at a rate of speed below that of the normal flow of*
14 *traffic at the particular time and place.*
15 **Sec. 3. 1. A person shall not drive a vehicle:**
16 *(a) In an imprudent manner, including, without limitation, in a*
17 *manner which indicates that he is not in complete control of his vehicle*
18 *because his full time and attention are not devoted to the driving of the*
19 *vehicle; or*



1 *(b) In a careless or negligent manner.*

2 *2. A person who violates subsection 1 is guilty of a misdemeanor.*

3 **Sec. 4.** NRS 484.373 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 484.373 1. If any driver drives a motor vehicle at a speed so slow as
5 to impede the forward movement of traffic proceeding immediately behind
6 him, the driver shall:

7 (a) If the highway has one lane for traveling in each direction and the
8 width of the paved portion permits, drive to the extreme right side of the
9 highway ~~and, if applicable, comply with the provisions of section 2 of~~
10 *this act;*

11 (b) If the highway has two or more clearly marked lanes for traffic
12 traveling in his direction, drive in the extreme right-hand lane except when
13 necessary to pass other slowly moving vehicles; or

14 (c) If the highway is a controlled-access highway, use alternate routes
15 whenever possible.

16 2. A person shall not bring a vehicle to a complete stop upon a
17 roadway so as to impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of
18 traffic unless the stop is necessary for safe operation or in compliance with
19 law.

20 **Sec. 5.** NRS 484.545 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 484.545 1. Every vehicle upon a highway of this state ~~at any time~~
22 ~~from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise and at any other~~
23 ~~time when, because of insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric~~
24 ~~conditions, persons and vehicles on the highway are not clearly discernible~~
25 ~~at a distance of 1,000 feet ahead shall~~, *subject to exceptions with respect*
26 *to parked vehicles as stated in this chapter, must* display lighted lamps
27 and illuminating devices as respectively required in this chapter for
28 different classes of vehicles ~~subject to exceptions with respect to parked~~
29 ~~vehicles as stated in this chapter.~~ :

30 *(a) At any time from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour*
31 *before sunrise;*

32 *(b) At any other time when, because of insufficient light or*
33 *unfavorable atmospheric conditions, persons and vehicles on the*
34 *highway are not clearly discernible at a distance of 1,000 feet ahead; and*

35 *(c) When directed by an official traffic control device.*

36 2. Every vehicle upon a highway ~~shall~~ *must* be equipped with stop
37 lights, turn signals and other signaling devices to be lighted in the manner
38 prescribed for the use of such devices.

39 **Sec. 6.** NRS 408.321 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 408.321 The department shall ~~integrate~~, *in accordance with*
41 *appropriate standards of design:*

42 *1. Integrate* the consideration of motor vehicle recovery and bicycle
43 lanes and bicycle routes, facilities and signs into all plans, designs,
44 construction and maintenance of highways ~~in accordance with~~
45 ~~appropriate standards of design~~; and

46 *2. To the extent practicable, integrate the consideration of periodic*
47 *turnouts for slower vehicles into plans, designs, construction and*
48 *maintenance of highways that have one lane for traveling in each*
49 *direction.*



1 **Sec. 7.** The amendatory provisions of this act do not apply to offenses
2 committed before October 1, 2001.

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