#### SENATE BILL NO. 522-COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

# (ON BEHALF OF DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PUBLIC SAFETY—DIRECTORS OFFICE)

#### MARCH 26, 2001

### Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Clarifies certain provisions concerning administration of money in state highway fund. (BDR 43-566)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: 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 the state financial administration; clarifying certain provisions governing use of money in the state highway fund; 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.** NRS 481.083 is hereby amended to read as follows:

481.083 1. Except for the operation of the investigation division, the division of emergency management, the state fire marshal division, the division of parole and probation, and the capitol police division of the department, money for the administration of the provisions of this chapter must be provided by direct legislative appropriation *or authorization* from the state highway fund upon the presentation of budgets in the manner required by law.

2. All money provided for the support of the department and its various divisions must be paid out on claims approved by the director in the same manner as other claims against the state are paid.

**Sec. 2.** NRS 482.180 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.180 1. The motor vehicle fund is hereby created as an agency fund. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 or by a specific statute, all money received or collected by the department must be deposited in the state treasury for credit to the motor vehicle fund.

2. The interest and income on the money in the motor vehicle fund, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the state highway fund.



3. Any check accepted by the department in payment of vehicle privilege tax or any other fee required to be collected pursuant to this chapter must, if it is dishonored upon presentation for payment, be charged back against the motor vehicle fund or the county to which the payment was credited, in the proper proportion.

- 4. All money received or collected by the department for the basic vehicle privilege tax must be deposited in the local government tax distribution account, created by NRS 360.660, for credit to the [appropriate county pursuant to subsection 6.] county for which it was collected.

  5. Money for the administration of the provisions of this chapter must
- 5. Money for the administration of the provisions of this chapter must be provided by direct legislative appropriation *or authorization* from the state highway fund, upon the presentation of budgets in the manner required by law. Out of the appropriation [,] *or authorization*, the department shall pay every item of expense.
- 6. The privilege tax collected on vehicles subject to the provisions of chapter 706 of NRS and engaged in interstate or intercounty operation must be distributed among the counties in the following percentages:

Carson City Churchill Clark Douglas Elko Esmeralda Eureka Humboldt	5.21 percent 22.54 percent 2.52 percent 13.31 percent 2.52 percent 3.10 percent	Lincoln	2.90 percent 2.40 percent 4.09 percent 7.00 percent 19 percent 12.24 percent
Humboldt Lander		White Pine	5.66 percent

The distributions must be allocated among local governments within the respective counties pursuant to the provisions of NRS 482.181.

- 7. The department shall withhold 6 percent from the amount of privilege tax collected by the department as a commission. From the amount of privilege tax collected by a county assessor, the state controller shall credit 1 percent to the department as a commission and remit 5 percent to the county for credit to its general fund as commission for the services of the county assessor.
- 8. When the requirements of this section and NRS 482.181 have been met, and when directed by the department, the state controller shall transfer monthly to the state highway fund any balance in the motor vehicle fund.
- 40 9. If a statute requires that any money in the motor vehicle fund be 41 transferred to another fund or account, the department shall direct the 42 controller to transfer the money in accordance with the statute.
  - **Sec. 3.** NRS 459.735 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 459.735 1. The contingency account for hazardous materials is hereby created in the state general fund.
  - 2. The commission shall administer the contingency account for hazardous materials, and the money in the account may be expended only for:
    - (a) Carrying out the provisions of NRS 459.735 to 459.773, inclusive;



(b) Carrying out the provisions of Public Law 99-499 and Title I of Public Law 93-633;

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- (c) Maintaining and supporting the operations of the commission and local emergency planning committees;
- (d) Training and equipping state and local personnel to respond to accidents and incidents involving hazardous materials; and
- (e) The operation of training programs and a training center for handling emergencies relating to hazardous materials and related fires pursuant to NRS 477.045.
- 3. All money received by this state as a result of Public Law 99-499 or Title I of Public Law 93-633 must be deposited with the state treasurer to the credit of the contingency account for hazardous materials. In addition, all money received by the commission from any source must be deposited with the state treasurer to the credit of the contingency account for hazardous materials. The state controller shall transfer from the contingency account to the operating account of the state fire marshal such money collected pursuant to chapter 477 of NRS as is authorized for expenditure in the budget of the state fire marshal for use pursuant to paragraph (e) of subsection 2.
- 4. Upon the presentation of budgets in the manner required by law, money to support the operation of the commission pursuant to this chapter, other than its provision of grants, must be provided by direct legislative appropriation or authorization from the state highway fund to the contingency account for hazardous materials.
- 25 5. The interest and income earned on the money in the contingency account for hazardous materials, after deducting any applicable charges, 26 27 must be credited to the account.
- 6. All claims against the contingency account for hazardous materials 29 must be paid as other claims against the state are paid. 30
  - **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

