

SENATE BILL NO. 476—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE TAXICAB AUTHORITY)

MARCH 24, 2003

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to regulation of taxicabs. (BDR 58-538)

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 taxicabs; revising the provisions governing service as a member of the Taxicab Authority; increasing the amount of petty cash available for the support of undercover investigations conducted by the Taxicab Authority; revising the requirement for a physician's certificate for employment as a driver of a taxicab; 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 706.8818 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:  
3     706.8818 1. ~~[A]~~ *The* Taxicab Authority, consisting of five  
4 members appointed by the Governor, is hereby created. ~~[No]~~ *Except*  
5 *as otherwise provided in NRS 232A.020, the term of each member*  
6 *is 3 years and no* member may serve for more than 6 years. No  
7 more than three members may be members of the same political  
8 party, and no elected officer of the State or any political subdivision  
9 is eligible for appointment.  
10    2. Each member of the Taxicab Authority is entitled to receive  
11 a salary of not more than \$80, as fixed by the Authority, for each  
12 day actually employed on work of the Authority.



1 3. While engaged in the business of the Taxicab Authority,  
2 each member and employee of the Authority is entitled to receive  
3 the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state  
4 officers and employees generally.

5 4. The Taxicab Authority shall maintain its principal office in  
6 the county or area of the State where it performs most of its  
7 regulatory activity.

8 5. The Taxicab Authority may adopt appropriate regulations  
9 for the administration and enforcement of NRS 706.881 to 706.885,  
10 inclusive, and , as it may deem necessary, for the conduct of the  
11 taxicab business and *for* the qualifications of and the issuance of  
12 permits to taxicab drivers, not inconsistent with the provisions of  
13 NRS 706.881 to 706.885, inclusive. The regulations may include  
14 different provisions to allow for differences among the counties to  
15 which NRS 706.881 to 706.885, inclusive, apply. Local law  
16 enforcement agencies and the Nevada Highway Patrol, upon request  
17 of the Authority, may assist in enforcing the provisions of NRS  
18 706.881 to 706.885, inclusive, and regulations adopted pursuant  
19 thereto.

20 6. Except to the extent of any inconsistency with the provisions  
21 of NRS 706.881 to 706.885, inclusive, every regulation and order  
22 issued by the Transportation Services Authority remains effective in  
23 a county to which those sections apply until modified or rescinded  
24 by the Taxicab Authority, and must be enforced by the Taxicab  
25 Authority.

26 **Sec. 2.** NRS 706.8825 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 706.8825 1. All fees collected pursuant to NRS 706.881 to  
28 706.885, inclusive, must be deposited by the Administrator to the  
29 credit of the Taxicab Authority Fund, which is hereby created as a  
30 special revenue fund. The transactions for each county subject to  
31 those sections must be accounted for separately within the Fund.

32 2. The interest and income earned on the money in the Fund,  
33 after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the  
34 Fund.

35 3. The revenues received pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS  
36 706.8826 are hereby appropriated to defray the cost of regulating  
37 taxicabs in the county or the city, respectively, making the deposit  
38 under that subsection.

39 4. The fees received pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS  
40 706.8826, NRS 706.8827, 706.8841 , *706.8848, 706.8849* and  
41 ~~706.8848 to 706.885, inclusive,~~ *706.885* are hereby appropriated  
42 to defray the cost of regulating taxicabs in the county in which the  
43 certificate holder operates a taxicab business.

44 5. Any balance remaining in the Fund does not revert to the  
45 State General Fund. The Administrator may transfer to the Aging



1 Services Division of the Department of Human Resources any  
2 balance over \$200,000 and any interest earned on the Fund, within  
3 the limits of legislative authorization for each fiscal year, to  
4 subsidize transportation for the elderly and the permanently  
5 handicapped in taxicabs. The money transferred to the Aging  
6 Services Division must be administered in accordance with  
7 regulations adopted by the Administrator of the Aging Services  
8 Division pursuant to NRS 427A.070.

9 6. The Administrator may establish an Account for Petty Cash  
10 not to exceed ~~[\$1,000]~~ \$2,000 for the support of undercover  
11 investigation, and, if the Account is created, the Administrator shall  
12 reimburse the Account from the Taxicab Authority Fund in the same  
13 manner as other claims against the State are paid.

14 **Sec. 3.** NRS 706.8842 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 706.8842 1. Before applying to a certificate holder for  
16 employment as a driver, a person ~~{shall}~~ **must** obtain a physician's  
17 certificate with two copies thereof from a physician who is licensed  
18 to practice in the State of Nevada.

19 2. A physician shall issue the certificate and copies described  
20 in subsection 1 if he finds that a prospective driver meets the health  
21 requirements established by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety  
22 Regulations, 49 C.F.R. §§ 391.41 et seq.

23 3. The certificate described in subsection 1 must state that the  
24 physician has examined the prospective driver and has found that he  
25 meets the health requirements described in subsection 2. The  
26 certificate must be signed and dated by the physician.

27 4. The physician's certificate required by this section expires  
28 ~~{3}~~ 2 years after the date of issuance and may be renewed.

29 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

