

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 138—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION ON TOURISM)

FEBRUARY 25, 2005

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises manner in which legal maximum width of recreational vehicles is determined. (BDR 43-613)

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 vehicles; revising the manner in which the legal maximum width of a recreational vehicle is determined to exclude certain equipment in making such a determination; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 Under existing law, the legal maximum width of any vehicle, combination of
2 vehicles or special mobile equipment, including recreational vehicles, is 102 inches.
3 With certain exceptions, the width limitation also applies to any load carried upon
4 the vehicle, combination of vehicles or special mobile equipment. (NRS 484.759,
5 484.7605, 484.7625)
6 This bill revises the manner in which the legal maximum width for recreational
7 vehicles is determined to exclude mirrors, lights and other safety devices and an
8 awning and awning hardware that is attached to the vehicle but which does not
9 extend beyond the side mirror in making such determination. A recreational vehicle
10 is defined as a vehicular-type unit designed as temporary living quarters for travel,
11 recreational or camping use and includes a recreational park trailer. (NRS 482.101)

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
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.



1 **Sec. 2. “Recreational vehicle” has the meaning ascribed to it**
2 **in NRS 482.101.**

3 **Sec. 3. The legal maximum width of a recreational vehicle is**
4 **102 inches, excluding:**

- 5 **1. Mirrors, lights and other devices required for safety; and**
6 **2. An awning and any hardware required for the awning**
7 **which is attached to the recreational vehicle and which does not**
8 **extend beyond any mirror specified in subsection 1 which is**
9 **attached to the side of the recreational vehicle.**

10 **Sec. 4.** NRS 484.013 is hereby amended to read as follows:
11 484.013 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
12 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 484.014 to 484.217,
13 inclusive, **and section 2 of this act** have the meanings ascribed to
14 them in those sections.

15 **Sec. 5.** NRS 484.759 is hereby amended to read as follows:
16 484.759 1. As used in this section and NRS 484.760, “special
17 mobile equipment” means a vehicle, not self-propelled, not designed
18 or used primarily for the transportation of persons or property, and
19 only incidentally operated or moved over a highway, excepting
20 implements of husbandry.

21 2. The Department of Transportation with respect to highways
22 under its jurisdiction and governing bodies of cities and counties
23 with respect to roads under their jurisdiction may, upon application
24 in writing, authorize the applicant to operate or move a vehicle,
25 combination of vehicles, special mobile equipment, or load thereon
26 of a size or weight exceeding the legal maximum, or to use
27 corrugations on the periphery of the movable tracks on a traction
28 engine or tractor, the propulsive power of which is not exerted
29 through wheels resting on the roadway but by means of a flexible
30 band or chain, or, under emergency conditions, to operate or move a
31 type of vehicle otherwise prohibited by law, upon any highway
32 under the jurisdiction of the Department **of Transportation** or
33 governing body granting that permit.

34 3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 484.7595 to 484.7631,
35 inclusive, **and section 3 of this act**, the legal maximum width of any
36 vehicle, combination of vehicles, special mobile equipment  or
37 load thereon is 102 inches.

38 4. If a vehicle is equipped with pneumatic tires, the maximum
39 width from the outside of one wheel and tire to the outside of the
40 opposite outer wheel and tire must not exceed 108 inches, and the
41 outside width of the body of the vehicle or the load thereon must not
42 exceed 102 inches.

43 5. Lights or devices which must be mounted upon a vehicle
44 under this chapter may extend beyond the permissible width of the



- 1 vehicle to a distance not exceeding 10 inches on each side of the
2 vehicle, but the maximum width must not exceed 126 inches.
- 3 6. Door handles, hinges, cable cinchers and chain binders may
4 extend 3 inches on each side, but the maximum width of body and
5 door handles, hinges, cable cinchers or chain binders must not
6 exceed 108 inches.
- 7 7. A person shall not operate a passenger vehicle on any
8 highway with any load carried thereon extending beyond the line of
9 the hubcaps on its left side or more than 6 inches beyond the line of
10 the hubcaps on its right side.



