

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 169—ASSEMBLYMEN DENIS, MCCLEARY,
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BUCKLEY, CHRISTENSEN, GANSERT, GERHARDT,
GIUNCHIGLIANI, GOICOECHEA, HOGAN, HORNE,
KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO, MARVEL, MUNFORD, OCEGUERA,
PIERCE, SHERER AND WEBER

MARCH 4, 2005

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS CARLTON, TITUS,
HARDY, HECK AND LEE

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Makes changes to provisions governing transfer of
title to or interest in vehicles. (BDR 43-967)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
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 vehicles; requiring a person whose title to or
interest in a vehicle is transferred to submit a notice of
transfer and release of liability to the Department of
Motor Vehicles under certain circumstances; and
providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law regulates the manner in which a person may transfer title to or an
interest in a vehicle to another person. (NRS 482.399-482.420)

This bill requires a person who transfers title to or an interest in a vehicle to
another person to send a notice of transfer and release of liability to the Department
of Motor Vehicles within 5 days after making such a transfer.

Under existing law, any person who abandons a vehicle is responsible for the
cost of its removal and disposition. A vehicle is presumed to have been abandoned
by the registered owner of the vehicle unless the registered owner proves that he
complied with the laws governing the transfer of title to or an interest in the
vehicle. (NRS 487.220)

Because the new requirement to send a notice of transfer and release of liability
is added to the laws governing the transfer of title to or interest in a vehicle, a



13 person must comply with that notice to rebut the presumption that he abandoned the
14 vehicle if the abandoned vehicle remains registered to him after he transferred his
15 title to or interest in the vehicle.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 482 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 ***1. Not more than 5 days after a transfer of the title to, or the***
4 ***interest of an owner in, a vehicle registered or issued a certificate***
5 ***of title under the provisions of this chapter, the person whose title***
6 ***or interest was transferred shall submit a notice of transfer and***
7 ***release of liability to the Department.***

8 ***2. The notice required pursuant to subsection 1 must:***

9 ***(a) Be submitted on a form prescribed by the Department; and***

10 ***(b) Include:***

11 ***(1) The date of the transfer;***

12 ***(2) The name and address of the person whose title or***
13 ***interest was transferred;***

14 ***(3) The name and address of the transferee;***

15 ***(4) A description of the vehicle;***

16 ***(5) The mileage indicated by the odometer or, if the mileage***
17 ***indicated by the odometer is known to be incorrect, the actual***
18 ***mileage, if known; and***

19 ***(6) Any other information required by the Department.***

20 **Sec. 2.** NRS 487.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 487.220 1. Every person who abandons a vehicle is
22 responsible for the cost of removal and disposition of such vehicle.

23 2. An abandoned vehicle is presumed to have been abandoned
24 by the registered owner thereof. The registered owner may not rebut
25 this presumption by showing that he transferred his interest in the
26 abandoned vehicle unless he complied with the provisions set forth
27 in NRS 482.399 to 482.420, inclusive **H**, and section 1 of this act.

