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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 547—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE FOR LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT TAXES AND FINANCE)

MARCH 29, 2005

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises formula for distribution of revenue from tax  
on certain motor vehicle fuel. (BDR 32-423)

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.

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AN ACT relating to taxation; revising the formula for the  
distribution of revenue from a certain additional tax on  
certain motor vehicle fuel between a county and a city  
within that county; 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 365.550 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     365.550 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the  
3     receipts of the tax levied pursuant to NRS 365.180 must be allocated  
4     monthly by the Department to the counties using the following  
5     formula:  
6     (a) Determine the average monthly amount each county received  
7     in the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2003, and allocate to each  
8     county that amount, or if the total amount to be allocated is less than  
9     that amount, allocate to each county a percentage of the total  
10    amount to be allocated that is equal to the percentage of the  
11    total amount allocated to that county in the fiscal year ending on  
12    June 30, 2003;  
13    (b) If the total amount to be allocated is greater than the average  
14    monthly amount all counties received in the fiscal year ending on



June 30, 2003, determine for each county an amount from the total amount to be allocated using the following formula:

(1) Multiply the county's percentage share of the total state population by 2;

(2) Add the percentage determined pursuant to subparagraph (1) to the county's percentage share of total mileage of improved roads or streets maintained by the county or an incorporated city located within the county;

(3) Divide the sum of the percentages determined pursuant to subparagraph (2) by 3; and

(4) Multiply the total amount to be allocated by the percentage determined pursuant to subparagraph (3);

(c) Identify each county for which the amount determined pursuant to paragraph (b) is greater than the amount allocated to the county pursuant to paragraph (a) and:

(1) Subtract the amount determined pursuant to paragraph (a) from the amount determined pursuant to paragraph (b); and

(2) Add the amounts determined pursuant to subparagraph (1) for all counties;

(d) Identify each county for which the amount determined pursuant to paragraph (b) is less than or equal to the amount allocated to the county pursuant to paragraph (a) and:

(1) Subtract the amount determined pursuant to paragraph (b) from the amount determined pursuant to paragraph (a); and

(2) Add the amounts determined pursuant to subparagraph (1) for all counties;

(e) Subtract the amount determined pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (d) from the amount determined pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (c);

(f) Divide the amount determined pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (c) for each county by the sum determined pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (c) for all counties to determine each county's percentage share of the sum determined pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (c); and

(g) In addition to the allocation made pursuant to paragraph (a), allocate to each county that is identified pursuant to paragraph (c) a percentage of the total amount determined pursuant to paragraph (e) that is equal to the percentage determined pursuant to paragraph (f).

2. At the end of each fiscal year, the Department shall:

(a) Determine the total amount to be allocated to all counties pursuant to subsection 1 for the current fiscal year; and

(b) Use the proceeds of the tax paid by a dealer, supplier or user for June of the current fiscal year to allocate to each county an amount determined pursuant to subsection 3.



1 3. If the total amount to be allocated to all the counties  
2 determined pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 2:

3 (a) Does not exceed the total amount that was received by all the  
4 counties for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2003, the Department  
5 shall adjust the final monthly allocation to be made to each county  
6 so that each county is allocated a percentage of the total amount to  
7 be allocated that is equal to the percentage of the total amount  
8 allocated to that county in the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2003.

9 (b) Exceeds the total amount that was received by all counties  
10 for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2003, the Department shall:

11 (1) Identify the total amount allocated to each county for the  
12 fiscal year ending on June 30, 2003, and the total amount for the  
13 current fiscal year determined pursuant to paragraph (a) of  
14 subsection 2;

15 (2) Apply the formula set forth in paragraph (b) of subsection  
16 1 using the amounts in subparagraph (1), instead of the monthly  
17 amounts, to determine the total allocations to be made to the  
18 counties for the current fiscal year; and

19 (3) Adjust the final monthly allocation to be made to each  
20 county to ensure that the total allocations for the current fiscal year  
21 equal the amounts determined pursuant to subparagraph (2).

22 4. Of the money allocated to each county pursuant to the  
23 provisions of subsections 1, 2 and 3:

24 (a) An amount equal to that part of the allocation which  
25 represents 1.25 cents of the tax per gallon must be used exclusively  
26 for the service and redemption of revenue bonds issued pursuant to  
27 chapter 373 of NRS, for the construction, maintenance and repair of  
28 county roads, and for the purchase of equipment for that  
29 construction, maintenance and repair, under the direction of the  
30 boards of county commissioners of the several counties, and must  
31 not be used to defray expenses of administration. ~~[-; and]~~

32 (b) An amount equal to that part of the allocation which  
33 represents 2.35 cents of the tax per gallon must be allocated to the  
34 county, if there are no incorporated cities in the county, or, *if there*  
35 *is at least one incorporated city in the county, allocated monthly by*  
36 *the Department* to the county and ~~[any incorporated cities]~~ *each*  
37 *incorporated city* in the county ~~[-; if there is at least one incorporated~~  
38 ~~city in the county, pursuant to]~~ *using, except as otherwise provided*  
39 *in paragraph (c), the following formula:*

40 (1) *Determine the average monthly amount the county and*  
41 *each incorporated city in the county received in the fiscal year*  
42 *ending on June 30, 2005, and allocate to the county and each*  
43 *incorporated city in the county that amount, or if the total amount*  
44 *to be allocated is less than that amount, allocate to the county and*  
45 *each incorporated city in the county a percentage of the total*



1 *amount to be allocated that is equal to the percentage of the total*  
2 *amount allocated to that county or incorporated city, as*  
3 *applicable, in the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2005.*

4 *(2) If the total amount to be allocated is greater than the*  
5 *average monthly amount the county and all incorporated cities*  
6 *within the county received in the fiscal year ending on June 30,*  
7 *2005, determine for the county and each incorporated city in the*  
8 *county an amount from the total amount to be allocated using the*  
9 *following formula:*

10 *(I) One-fourth in proportion to total area.*

11 ~~*{(2)} (II) One-fourth in proportion to population.*~~

12 ~~*{(3)} (III) One-fourth in proportion to [road mileage and*~~  
13 ~~*street mileage of nonfederal aid primary roads.*~~

14 ~~*—— (4) the total mileage of improved roads and streets*~~  
15 ~~*maintained by the county or incorporated city in the county, as*~~  
16 ~~*applicable.*~~

17 *(IV) One-fourth in proportion to vehicle miles of travel*  
18 *on [nonfederal aid primary roads.] improved roads and streets*  
19 *maintained by the county or incorporated city in the county, as*  
20 *applicable.*

21 ➤ *For the purpose of applying the formula, the area of the county*  
22 *excludes the area included in any incorporated city.*

23 *(3) Identify whether the county or any incorporated city in*  
24 *the county had an amount determined pursuant to subparagraph*  
25 *(2) that was greater than the amount allocated to the county or*  
26 *incorporated city, as applicable, pursuant to subparagraph (1)*  
27 *and, if so:*

28 *(I) Subtract the amount determined pursuant to*  
29 *subparagraph (1) from the amount determined pursuant to*  
30 *subparagraph (2); and*

31 *(II) Add the amounts determined pursuant to sub-*  
32 *subparagraph (I) for the county and all incorporated cities in the*  
33 *county.*

34 *(4) Identify whether the county or any incorporated city in*  
35 *the county had an amount determined pursuant to subparagraph*  
36 *(2) that was less than or equal to the amount determined for the*  
37 *county or incorporated city, as applicable, pursuant to*  
38 *subparagraph (1) and, if so:*

39 *(I) Subtract the amount determined pursuant to*  
40 *subparagraph (2) from the amount determined pursuant to*  
41 *subparagraph (1); and*

42 *(II) Add the amounts determined pursuant to sub-*  
43 *subparagraph (I) for the county and all incorporated cities in the*  
44 *county.*



1       (5) Subtract the amount determined pursuant to  
2 sub-subparagraph (II) of subparagraph (4) from the  
3 amount determined pursuant to sub-subparagraph (II) of  
4 subparagraph (3).

5       (6) Divide the amount determined pursuant to sub-  
6 subparagraph (I) of subparagraph (3) for the county and each  
7 incorporated city in the county by the sum determined pursuant to  
8 sub-subparagraph (II) of subparagraph (3) for the county and all  
9 incorporated cities in the county to determine the county's and  
10 each incorporated city's percentage share of the sum determined  
11 pursuant to sub-subparagraph (II) of subparagraph (3).

12       (7) In addition to the allocation made pursuant to  
13 subparagraph (I), allocate to the county and each incorporated  
14 city in the county that is identified pursuant to subparagraph (3) a  
15 percentage of the total amount determined pursuant to  
16 subparagraph (5) that is equal to the percentage determined  
17 pursuant to subparagraph (6).

18       (c) At the end of each fiscal year, the Department shall:

19       (1) Determine the total amount to be allocated to a county  
20 and each incorporated city within the county pursuant to  
21 paragraph (b) for the current fiscal year; and

22       (2) Use the amount equal to that part of the allocation  
23 which represents 2.35 cents per gallon of the proceeds of the tax  
24 paid by a dealer, supplier or user for June of the current fiscal  
25 year to allocate to a county and each incorporated city in the  
26 county an amount determined pursuant to paragraph (d).

27       (d) If the total amount to be allocated to a county and all  
28 incorporated cities in the county determined pursuant to  
29 subparagraph (I) of paragraph (c):

30       (1) Does not exceed the total amount that was received by  
31 the county and all the incorporated cities in the county for the  
32 fiscal year ending on June 30, 2005, the Department shall adjust  
33 the final monthly amount allocated to the county and each  
34 incorporated city in the county so that the county and each  
35 incorporated city is allocated a percentage of the total amount to  
36 be allocated that is equal to the percentage of the total amount  
37 allocated to that county or incorporated city, as applicable, in the  
38 fiscal year ending on June 30, 2005.

39       (2) Exceeds the total amount that was received by the  
40 county and all incorporated cities in the county for the fiscal year  
41 ending on June 30, 2005, the Department shall:

42       (1) Identify the total amount allocated to the county and  
43 each incorporated city in the county for the fiscal year ending on  
44 June 30, 2005, and the total amount for the current fiscal year  
45 determined pursuant to subparagraph (I) of paragraph (c);



*(II) Apply the formula set forth in subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) using the amounts in sub-subparagraph (I), instead of the monthly amounts, to determine the total allocations to be made to the county and the incorporated cities in the county for the current fiscal year; and*

*(III) Adjust the final monthly allocation to be made to the county and each incorporated city in the county to ensure that the total allocations for the current fiscal year equal the amounts determined pursuant to sub-subparagraph (II).*

5. The amount allocated to the counties and incorporated cities pursuant to subsections 1 to 4, inclusive, must be remitted monthly. The State Controller shall draw his warrants payable to the county treasurer of each of the several counties and the city treasurer of each of the several incorporated cities, as applicable, and the State Treasurer shall pay the warrants out of the proceeds of the tax levied pursuant to NRS 365.180.

6. The formula computations must be made as of July 1 of each year by the Department ~~H~~ *of Motor Vehicles*, based on estimates which must be furnished by the Department of Transportation and, if applicable, any adjustments to the estimates determined to be appropriate by the Committee pursuant to subsection 10. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 10, the determination made by the Department *of Motor Vehicles* is conclusive.

7. The Department of Transportation shall complete:

(a) The estimates of the total mileage of improved roads or streets maintained by each county and incorporated city on or before August 31 of each year.

(b) A physical audit of the information submitted by each county and incorporated city pursuant to subsection 8 at least once every 10 years.

8. Each county and incorporated city shall, not later than March 1 of each year, submit a list to the Department of Transportation setting forth:

(a) Each improved road or street that is maintained by the county or city; and

(b) The beginning and ending points and the total mileage of each of those improved roads or streets.

↪ Each county and incorporated city shall, at least 10 days before the list is submitted to the Department of Transportation, hold a public hearing to identify and determine the improved roads and streets maintained by the county or city.

9. If a county or incorporated city does not agree with the estimates prepared by the Department of Transportation pursuant to subsection 7, the county or incorporated city may request that the Committee examine the estimates and recommend an adjustment to



1 the estimates. Such a request must be submitted to the Committee  
2 not later than October 15.

3 10. The Committee shall hold a public hearing and review any  
4 request it receives pursuant to subsection 9 and determine whether  
5 an adjustment to the estimates is appropriate on or before  
6 December 31 of the year it receives a request pursuant to subsection  
7 9. Any determination made by the Committee pursuant to this  
8 subsection is conclusive.

9 11. The Committee shall monitor the fiscal impact of the  
10 formula set forth in this section on counties and incorporated cities.  
11 Biennially, the Committee shall prepare a report concerning its  
12 findings and recommendations regarding that fiscal impact and  
13 submit the report on or before February 15 of each odd-numbered  
14 year to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for  
15 transmittal to the Senate and Assembly Committees on Taxation of  
16 the Nevada Legislature for their review.

17 12. As used in this section:

18 (a) "Committee" means the Committee on Local Government  
19 Finance created pursuant to NRS 354.105.

20 (b) "Construction, maintenance and repair" includes the  
21 acquisition, operation or use of any material, equipment or facility  
22 that is used exclusively for the construction, maintenance or repair  
23 of a county or city road and is necessary for the safe and efficient  
24 use of that road, including, without limitation:

- 25 (1) Grades and regrades;
- 26 (2) Graveling, oiling, surfacing, macadamizing and paving;
- 27 (3) Sweeping, cleaning and sanding roads and removing  
28 snow from a road;
- 29 (4) Crosswalks and sidewalks;
- 30 (5) Culverts, catch basins, drains, sewers and manholes;
- 31 (6) Inlets and outlets;
- 32 (7) Retaining walls, bridges, overpasses, underpasses,  
33 tunnels and approaches;
- 34 (8) Artificial lights and lighting equipment, parkways,  
35 control of vegetation and sprinkling facilities;
- 36 (9) Rights-of-way;
- 37 (10) Grade and traffic separators;
- 38 (11) Fences, cattle guards and other devices to control access  
39 to a county or city road;
- 40 (12) Signs and devices for the control of traffic; and
- 41 (13) Facilities for personnel and the storage of equipment  
42 used to construct, maintain or repair a county or city road.

43 (c) "Improved road or street" means a road or street that is, at  
44 least:



1           (1) Aligned and graded to allow reasonably convenient use  
2 by a motor vehicle; and

3           (2) Drained sufficiently by a longitudinal and transverse  
4 drainage system to prevent serious impairment of the road or street  
5 by surface water.

6           (d) “Total mileage of an improved road or street” means the  
7 total mileage of the length of an improved road or street, without  
8 regard to the width of that road or street or the number of lanes it  
9 has for vehicular traffic.

10       **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.

