

SENATE BILL NO. 124—SENATORS HECK AND NOLAN

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JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN HARDY AND OCEGUERA

Referred to Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security

SUMMARY—Provides for imposition of administrative assessment for certain traffic violations to be used to support emergency medical services and services for treatment of trauma. (BDR 43-887)

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 traffic laws; providing for an administrative assessment to be imposed and collected for traffic violations; requiring the proceeds from the assessment to be distributed to certain entities to support emergency medical services and services for the treatment of trauma; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law prescribes penalties for the violation of traffic laws. (Chapter 484 of NRS)

This bill requires a person who pleads or is found guilty of a traffic violation, or who pleads no contest to a traffic violation, to pay an administrative assessment of \$5 in addition to any other fine or penalty that is imposed. For the purposes of the assessment, this bill defines a traffic violation as a moving traffic violation for which a driver would be eligible to receive demerit points on his driving record. Proceeds from the assessment must be distributed quarterly to the Health Division of the Department of Human Resources and to the health district which has the largest population in this State (currently the Clark County Health District). Money received from the proceeds so distributed must be expended only for certain purposes relating to the enhancement and improvement of emergency medical services and services and facilities for the treatment of trauma in this State.



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

Section 1. Chapter 484 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. When a defendant pleads or is found guilty of a traffic violation, or enters a plea of nolo contendere to a traffic violation, the court shall include an administrative assessment of \$5 for each violation in addition to any other fine or penalty.

2. Any money collected pursuant to subsection 1 must be deposited by the clerk of the court with the State Treasurer on or before the fifth day of each month for the preceding month for credit to the State General Fund.

3. The State Treasurer shall, on a quarterly basis, distribute the money deposited pursuant to subsection 2 in the following manner:

(a) To the health district which has the largest population in this State, that part of the quarterly distribution which is equal in proportion to the proportion that the population of the county served by that district bears to the population of all counties in this State.

(b) To the Health Division of the Department of Human Resources, that part of the quarterly distribution not distributed pursuant to paragraph (a).

4. The entities to which money is distributed pursuant to subsection 3 may expend the money only:

(a) To create, expand, operate and promote programs to increase and enhance the level and quality of emergency medical services provided within this State;

(b) To create, expand, operate and promote programs to increase and enhance the level and quality of facilities and services for the treatment of trauma within this State;

(c) To provide grants of money to state agencies, local governments and local governmental agencies that are involved in the delivery, to residents of this State, of emergency medical services or services for the treatment of trauma; and

(d) For such other purposes as, in the determination of the entities to which the money is distributed pursuant to subsection 3, may improve and increase the delivery, to residents of this State, of emergency medical services and services for the treatment of trauma.

5. An administrative assessment imposed pursuant to this section is in addition to any other administrative assessment imposed by law.



- 1 **6. As used in this section:**
- 2 **(a) “Traffic violation” means an act that is a moving traffic**
- 3 **violation for the purposes of NRS 483.473.**
- 4 **(b) “Trauma” has the meaning ascribed to it in**
- 5 **NRS 450B.105.**
- 6 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.



