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AN ACT relating to traffic; authorizing the Department of Transportation and the governing body of a city or county to issue a permit to operate an oversized vehicle under certain circumstances; requiring certain regulations adopted by the governing body of a city or county relating to the issuance of permits for oversized vehicles to be consistent with regulations adopted by the Department; requiring the Department and certain governing bodies to establish an expedited procedure for issuing permits for oversized vehicles under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law authorizes the Department of Transportation or a city or county to issue permits to operate oversized vehicles on the highways under its control and for vehicles with a maximum weight on a single axle in excess of 20,000 pounds. (NRS 484.7631, 484.765) The Department or a city or county may also adopt regulations concerning the movement of oversized vehicles on the highways under its control. (NRS 484.7631)

This bill provides that, in a county whose population is less than 400,000 (currently all counties except Clark County), the Department of Transportation with respect to highways under its jurisdiction and the governing body of the county and each city in the county with respect to roadways under the jurisdiction of the county or city may issue a permit to operate an oversized vehicle that exceeds the legal maximum width, length or height for the vehicle unless the Department or governing body determines that the issuance of the permit would create a safety hazard or impede the flow of traffic.

This bill provides that, in a county whose population is 400,000 or more (currently Clark County), the governing body of the county and each city in the county may issue a permit to operate an oversized vehicle that is more than 102 inches in width, 14 feet in height or 70 feet in length if the proposed operation of the vehicle does not include operation on any portion of the state highway system and if the governing body has jurisdiction over the roadway where the proposed route of operation will begin. If the vehicle will be operated on any portion of the state highway system in that county, the Department of Transportation must issue the permit.

This bill further requires the Department of Transportation and each of those governing bodies to establish, to the greatest extent practicable, an expedited procedure for issuing a permit to operate oversized vehicles that are not more than 15 feet in height and not more than 110 feet in length. Under the expedited procedure, the Department and each governing body must issue the permit within 1 working day after receiving a request for the permit if the vehicle is 144 inches or less in width, or within 2 working days after receiving a request for the permit if the vehicle is more than 144 inches but not more than 168 inches in width.

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

Section 1. NRS 484.7631 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484.7631 1. ~~{The}~~ *In a county whose population is less than 400,000, the* Department of Transportation with respect to highways under its jurisdiction and the governing body of *the county or* a city ~~{or}~~ *in the* county with respect to ~~{highways under its jurisdiction shall, upon application in writing,}~~ *roadways under the jurisdiction of the county or city may, upon request,* issue a permit to operate a vehicle, or a vehicle with a load ~~{, having a width exceeding}~~ *that exceeds* the legal maximum width ~~{but not exceeding 120 inches in width on a highway,}~~ *, length or height for the vehicle,* unless the Department or governing body determines that the operation would be a safety hazard or would unduly impede the flow of traffic.

2. ~~{The}~~ *In a county whose population is 400,000 or more:*

(a) If the operation of a vehicle specified in subsection 1 will not include operation on the state highway system established pursuant to chapter 408 of NRS, the governing body of the county and each city in the county may, upon request, issue a permit to operate the vehicle on a roadway in that city or county:

(1) If the governing body has jurisdiction over the roadway at the point of origination of the route of the vehicle; and

(2) Unless the governing body determines that the operation would be a safety hazard or would unduly impede the flow of traffic; or

(b) If the operation of the vehicle will include operation on the state highway system established pursuant to chapter 408 of NRS, the Department of Transportation shall, upon request, issue a permit to operate the vehicle on a highway in that county, unless the Department of Transportation determines that the operation would be a safety hazard or would unduly impede the flow of traffic. A holder of a permit issued pursuant to this paragraph is not required to obtain a permit pursuant to paragraph (a) before operating the vehicle in accordance with the permit issued pursuant to this paragraph.

3. *Before issuing a permit pursuant to subsection 2, the Department of Transportation or the governing body shall coordinate the issuance of the permit with each entity that will be affected by the issuance of the permit.*

4. *A governing body shall issue single-trip permits and annual permits pursuant to subsection 2 that are consistent, to the greatest extent practicable, with the regulations adopted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to subsection 5.*

5. *Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Department of Transportation with respect to highways under its jurisdiction and the governing body of a city or county with respect to ~~highways~~ roadways under its jurisdiction may adopt regulations providing for an annual permit or a permit for a single trip for a vehicle, or a vehicle with a load exceeding ~~120~~ 102 inches in width, 14 feet in height or 70 feet in length, and limiting the movement of the vehicle to certain hours of the day, days of the week or routes considered necessary to protect public safety. If the Department of Transportation and a governing body of a city or county adopt regulations pursuant to this section, the regulations adopted by the governing body must be consistent, to the greatest extent practicable, with the regulations adopted by the Department of Transportation.*

6. *The Department of Transportation and each governing body specified in subsection 2 shall:*

(a) Periodically meet with persons who represent industries that are affected by any regulations adopted by the Department of Transportation or the governing body relating to the issuance of permits pursuant to this section, including, but not limited to, regulations concerning fees for those permits;

(b) At each meeting specified in paragraph (a), review and consider the regulations specified in that paragraph and any proposed amendments to the regulations; and

(c) To the greatest extent practicable, ensure that the regulations are consistent.

7. *The Department of Transportation and each governing body that issues a permit pursuant to subsection 2 shall, to the greatest extent practicable, establish an expedited procedure for issuing a permit for a vehicle or a vehicle with a load that does not exceed 15 feet in height or 110 feet in length:*

(a) Within 1 working day after the Department of Transportation or the governing body receives a request for the permit, if the vehicle or the vehicle with a load for which the permit is submitted has a width of 144 inches or less; or

(b) Within 2 working days after the Department of Transportation or the governing body receives a request for the permit, if the vehicle or the vehicle with a load for which the permit is submitted has a width of more than 144 inches but not more than 168 inches.

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

