

SENATE BILL NO. 219—SENATOR CARE

MARCH 21, 2005

Referred to Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing issuance of permits for certain oversized vehicles. (BDR 43-642)

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; requiring 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 certain oversized vehicles; 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 highways under the jurisdiction of the county or city must, if an application is submitted in writing, issue a permit to operate an oversized vehicle that is not more than 120 feet in length 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



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county must issue a permit to operate an oversized vehicle that is more than 120 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 highway 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 an expedited procedure for issuing a permit to operate an oversized vehicle. Under the expedited procedure, the Department and each governing body must issue the permit within 1 working day after receiving an application for the permit if the vehicle is 168 inches or less in width, or within 2 working days after receiving an application for the permit if the vehicle is 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~~ *the* jurisdiction *of the county or city* shall, upon application in writing, issue a permit to operate a vehicle, or a vehicle with a load, having a width exceeding the legal maximum width but not exceeding 120 ~~inches in width on a highway,~~ *feet in length on such highways in the county*, 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 shall, upon application in writing, issue a permit to operate the vehicle on a highway in that city or county:

(1) If the governing body has jurisdiction over the highway 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 application in writing, issue a permit to operate the vehicle on a highway in that



1 *county, unless the Department of Transportation determines that*
2 *the operation would be a safety hazard or would unduly impede*
3 *the flow of traffic. A holder of a permit issued pursuant to this*
4 *paragraph is not required to obtain a permit pursuant to*
5 *paragraph (a) before operating the vehicle in accordance with the*
6 *permit issued pursuant to this paragraph.*

7 *3. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the*
8 *Department of Transportation with respect to highways under its*
9 *jurisdiction and the governing body of a city or county with respect*
10 *to highways under its jurisdiction may adopt regulations providing*
11 *for an annual permit or a permit for a single trip for a vehicle, or a*
12 *vehicle with a load exceeding 120 ~~inches in width~~ feet in length*
13 *and limiting the movement of the vehicle to certain hours of the day,*
14 *days of the week or routes considered necessary to protect public*
15 *safety. If the Department of Transportation and a governing body*
16 *of a city or county adopt regulations pursuant to this section, the*
17 *regulations adopted by the governing body must be consistent with*
18 *the regulations adopted by the Department of Transportation.*

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

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

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

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

31 *5. The Department of Transportation and each governing*
32 *body that issues a permit pursuant to subsection 2 shall establish*
33 *an expedited procedure for issuing the permit:*

34 *(a) Within 1 working day after the Department of*
35 *Transportation or the governing body receives an application for*
36 *the permit, if the vehicle or the vehicle with a load for which the*
37 *permit is submitted has a width of 168 inches or less; or*

38 *(b) Within 2 working days after the Department of*
39 *Transportation or the governing body receives an application for*
40 *the permit, if the vehicle or the vehicle with a load for which the*
41 *permit is submitted has a width of more than 168 inches.*

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



