

SENATE BILL NO. 378—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
AND HOMELAND SECURITY

(ON BEHALF OF THE NEVADA LEAGUE OF
CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES)

MARCH 28, 2005

Referred to Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security

SUMMARY—Authorizes city or county to designate certain highways as permissible for operation of off-road vehicles. (BDR 43-507)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
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 motor vehicles; authorizing a city or county to designate a highway within the city or county as permissible for operation of off-road vehicles; exempting an off-road vehicle from the requirement of registration under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Section 1. Chapter 482 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.

Sec. 2. *“Off-road vehicle” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 480.420.*

Sec. 3. 1. *A city or county may designate any highway within the city or county as permissible for operation of off-road vehicles.*

2. *A city or county that designates a highway as permissible for operation of off-road vehicles pursuant to subsection 1 shall, as soon as practicable after making that designation, adopt an ordinance concerning the use of an off-road vehicle on the*



designated highway. In addition to any provision included pursuant to NRS 484.777 or 484.779, the ordinance must include, without limitation, a provision requiring a person who drives an off-road vehicle on the designated highway to be at least 12 years of age, as determined by the city or county.

Sec. 4. NRS 482.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.010 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 482.011 to 482.137, inclusive, *and section 2 of this act* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 5. NRS 482.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.210 1. The provisions of this chapter requiring the registration of certain vehicles do not apply to:

(a) Special mobile equipment.

(b) Implements of husbandry temporarily drawn, moved or otherwise propelled upon the highways.

(c) Any mobile home or commercial coach subject to the provisions of chapter 489 of NRS.

(d) Golf carts which are:

(1) Traveling upon highways properly designated by the appropriate city or county as permissible for the operation of golf carts; and

(2) Operating pursuant to a permit issued pursuant to this chapter.

(e) Mopeds.

(f) Towable tools or equipment as defined in NRS 484.202.

(g) Any motorized conveyance for a wheelchair  whose operator is a handicapped person not able to walk about.

(h) Off-road vehicles which are:

(1) Traveling upon highways that are properly designated by the appropriate city or county as permissible for the operation of off-road vehicles; and

(2) Operating in compliance with an ordinance adopted by the city or county for the operation of off-road vehicles pursuant to subsection 2 of section 3 of this act.

2. For the purposes of this section, “motorized conveyance for a wheelchair” means a vehicle which:

(a) Can carry a wheelchair;

(b) Is propelled by an engine which produces not more than 3 gross brake horsepower or has a displacement of not more than 50 cubic centimeters;

(c) Is designed to travel on not more than three wheels; and

(d) Can reach a speed of not more than 30 miles per hour on a flat surface with not more than a grade of 1 percent in any direction.

➔ The term does not include a tractor.



- 1 **Sec. 6.** NRS 483.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 483.240 The following persons are exempt from license under
3 the provisions of NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive:
4 1. Any person while driving a motor vehicle in the service of
5 the Armed Forces.
6 2. Any person while driving any road machine, farm tractor or
7 implement of husbandry temporarily operated or moved on a
8 highway.
9 3. A nonresident who is at least 16 years of age and who has in
10 his immediate possession a valid license issued to him in his home
11 state or country may drive a motor vehicle in this State of the type
12 or class he may operate in his home state or country.
13 4. Any nonresident who is at least 18 years of age, whose home
14 state or country does not require the licensing of drivers, may drive
15 a motor vehicle for a period of not more than 90 days in any
16 calendar year, if the motor vehicle driven is duly registered in the
17 home state or country of such nonresident.
18 5. A nonresident on active duty in the Armed Forces who has a
19 valid license issued by his home state and such nonresident's spouse
20 or dependent child who has a valid license issued by such state.
21 6. Any person on active duty in the Armed Forces who has a
22 valid license issued in a foreign country by the Armed Forces may
23 drive a motor vehicle for a period of not more than 45 days from the
24 date of his return to the United States.
25 7. *Any person while driving an off-road vehicle on a highway*
26 *in accordance with an ordinance adopted by a city or county*
27 *pursuant to section 3 of this act, unless otherwise provided in that*
28 *ordinance.*



