

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 designation of 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 certain local
government or governing body to designate a highway
under the jurisdiction of the local government or
governing body 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 local government in a county whose population
is less than 100,000 or the governing body of an incorporated city
whose population is less than 50,000 may designate any highway
under the jurisdiction of the local government or governing body
as permissible for the operation of off-road vehicles.*



2. A local government or governing body 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:

(a) Requiring a person who drives an off-road vehicle on the designated highway to be at least 14 years of age, as determined by the local government or governing body; and

(b) Requiring the periodic review of the designation of the highway as permissible for the operation of off-road vehicles.

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 local government or governing body as permissible for the operation of off-road vehicles; and**

(2) **Operating in compliance with an ordinance adopted by the local government or governing body 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.

Sec. 6. NRS 483.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.240 The following persons are exempt from license under the provisions of NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive:

1. Any person while driving a motor vehicle in the service of the Armed Forces.

2. Any person while driving any road machine, farm tractor or implement of husbandry temporarily operated or moved on a highway.

3. A nonresident who is at least 16 years of age and who has in his immediate possession a valid license issued to him in his home state or country may drive a motor vehicle in this State of the type or class he may operate in his home state or country.

4. Any nonresident who is at least 18 years of age, whose home state or country does not require the licensing of drivers, may drive a motor vehicle for a period of not more than 90 days in any calendar year, if the motor vehicle driven is duly registered in the home state or country of such nonresident.

5. A nonresident on active duty in the Armed Forces who has a valid license issued by his home state and such nonresident's spouse or dependent child who has a valid license issued by such state.

6. Any person on active duty in the Armed Forces who has a valid license issued in a foreign country by the Armed Forces may drive a motor vehicle for a period of not more than 45 days from the date of his return to the United States.

7. Any person while driving an off-road vehicle on a highway in accordance with an ordinance adopted by a local government or governing body pursuant to section 3 of this act, unless otherwise provided in that ordinance.



