

ASSEMBLY BILL No. 29—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY)

PREFILED JANUARY 26, 2007

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

**SUMMARY**—Adds certain vehicles of the Division of Parole and Probation of the Department of Public Safety to the authorized emergency vehicles list. (BDR 43-557)

**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.

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AN ACT relating to public safety; revising the list of authorized emergency vehicles to include certain vehicles of the Division of Parole and Probation of the Department of Public Safety; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1        This bill adds certain vehicles owned and operated by the Division of Parole  
2        and Probation of the Department of Public Safety to the list of authorized  
3        emergency vehicles. (NRS 484.787)

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

1        **Section 1.** NRS 484.787 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2              484.787 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 484.789,  
3        authorized emergency vehicles are vehicles publicly owned and  
4        operated in the performance of the duty of:  
5              (a) A police or fire department.  
6              (b) A sheriff's office.  
7              (c) The Nevada Highway Patrol.



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1       (d) ***The Division of Parole and Probation of the Department of***  
2 ***Public Safety.***

3       (e) The Division of Forestry of the State Department of  
4 Conservation and Natural Resources in responding to a fire.

5       ~~(e)~~ (f) A public ambulance agency.

6       ~~(e)~~ (g) A public lifeguard or lifesaving agency.

7       2. A vehicle publicly maintained in whole or in part by the  
8 State, or by a city or county, and privately owned and operated by a  
9 regularly salaried member of a police department, sheriff's office,  
10 ~~or~~ traffic law enforcement department ~~or~~ ***or the Division of Parole***  
11 ***and Probation*** is an authorized emergency vehicle if:

12      (a) The vehicle has a permit, pursuant to NRS 484.789, from the  
13 Department;

14      (b) The person operates the vehicle in responding to emergency  
15 calls or fire alarms, or at the request of the Nevada Highway Patrol  
16 or ***the Division of Parole and Probation or*** in the pursuit of actual  
17 or suspected violators of the law; and

18      (c) The State, county or city does not furnish a publicly owned  
19 vehicle for the purposes stated in paragraph (b).

20      3. Every authorized emergency vehicle must be equipped with  
21 at least one flashing red warning lamp visible from the front and a  
22 siren for use as provided in this chapter, which lamp and siren must  
23 be in compliance with standards approved by the Department. In  
24 addition, an authorized emergency vehicle may display revolving,  
25 flashing or steady red or blue warning lights to the front, sides or  
26 rear of the vehicle.

27      4. An authorized emergency vehicle may be equipped with a  
28 system or device that causes the upper-beam head lamps of the  
29 vehicle to continue to flash alternately while the system or device is  
30 activated. The driver of a vehicle that is so equipped may use the  
31 system or device when responding to an emergency call or fire  
32 alarm, while escorting a funeral procession, or when in pursuit of an  
33 actual or suspected violator of the law. As used in this subsection,  
34 "upper-beam head lamp" means a head lamp or that part of a head  
35 lamp which projects a distribution of light or composite beam  
36 meeting the requirements of subsection 1 of NRS 484.587.

37      5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, a person shall  
38 not operate a motor vehicle with any system or device that causes  
39 the head lamps of the vehicle to continue to flash alternately or  
40 simultaneously while the system or device is activated. This  
41 subsection does not prohibit the operation of a motorcycle equipped  
42 with any system or device that modulates the intensity of light  
43 produced by the head lamp of the motorcycle, if the system or  
44 device is used only during daylight hours and conforms to the  
45 requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 571.108.



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1       6. A person shall not operate a vehicle with any lamp or device  
2 displaying a red light visible from directly in front of the center of  
3 the vehicle except an authorized emergency vehicle, a school bus or  
4 an official vehicle of a regulatory agency.

5       7. A person shall not operate a vehicle with any lamp or device  
6 displaying a blue light, except a motorcycle pursuant to NRS  
7 486.261 or an authorized emergency vehicle.

8       **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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