

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 29—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY)

PREFILED JANUARY 26, 2007

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Adds certain vehicles of certain governmental agencies 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.

AN ACT relating to public safety; revising the list of authorized emergency vehicles to include certain vehicles of certain governmental agencies; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 This bill adds certain vehicles owned and operated by certain governmental
2 agencies to the list of authorized 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.
8 (d) *The Division of Parole and Probation of the Department of*
9 *Public Safety.*
10 (e) *The Investigation Division of the Department of Public*
11 *Safety.*



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(f) The Division of Compliance Enforcement of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

(g) The Department of Wildlife when the vehicles are operated by a game warden or any peace officer exercising the powers of enforcement conferred by NRS 289.280, 501.349 or 501.375.

(h) The State Department of Agriculture when the vehicles are operated by a field agent or an inspector exercising the powers of enforcement conferred by NRS 289.290.

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

~~(e)~~ *(j) A public ambulance agency.*

~~(f)~~ *(k) A public lifeguard or lifesaving agency.*

2. A vehicle publicly maintained in whole or in part by the State, or by a city or county, and privately owned and operated by a regularly salaried member of a police department, sheriff's office, ~~or~~ traffic law enforcement department ~~or~~ *or any agency listed in subsection 1* is an authorized emergency vehicle if:

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

(b) The person operates the vehicle in responding to emergency calls or fire alarms, or at the request of the Nevada Highway Patrol or *any agency listed in subsection 1* in the pursuit of actual or suspected violators of the law; and

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

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

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

5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, a person shall not operate a motor vehicle with any system or device that causes the head lamps of the vehicle to continue to flash alternately or



1 simultaneously while the system or device is activated. This
2 subsection does not prohibit the operation of a motorcycle equipped
3 with any system or device that modulates the intensity of light
4 produced by the head lamp of the motorcycle, if the system or
5 device is used only during daylight hours and conforms to the
6 requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 571.108.

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

11 7. A person shall not operate a vehicle with any lamp or device
12 displaying a blue light, except a motorcycle pursuant to NRS
13 486.261 or an authorized emergency vehicle.

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

