

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 163—ASSEMBLYMEN OHRENSCHALL,
ATKINSON, CHRISTENSEN, MANENDO; AIZLEY, BOBZIEN,
CARPENTER, CLABORN, COBB, DONDERO LOOP,
HAMBRICK, HOGAN, KIHUEN, KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO,
LESLIE, MASTROLUCA, MORTENSON, MUNFORD,
OCEGUERA, PIERCE, SEGERBLOM AND SMITH

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS PARKS, TOWNSEND; BREEDEN, CARE,
COPENING, NOLAN, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Requires the Department of Transportation to adopt regulations to allow certified low emission and energy-efficient vehicles to be operated in a lane on certain highways designated for the preferential use or exclusive use of high-occupancy vehicles. (BDR 43-40)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
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 highways; requiring the Department of Transportation to adopt regulations to allow certified low emission and energy-efficient vehicles to be operated in a lane on certain highways designated for the preferential use or exclusive use of high-occupancy vehicles; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 This bill requires the Department of Transportation to adopt regulations to
 - 2 allow certified low emission and energy-efficient vehicles to be operated in a lane
 - 3 on a highway under its jurisdiction designated for the preferential use or exclusive
 - 4 use of high-occupancy vehicles.
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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 484 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. To the extent not inconsistent with federal law, the Department of Transportation shall, in consultation with the Federal Highway Administration and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, adopt regulations establishing a program to allow a vehicle that is certified by the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency as a low emission and energy-efficient vehicle to be operated in a lane that is designated for the use of high-occupancy vehicles pursuant to NRS 484.312.

2. As used in this section, "low emission and energy-efficient vehicle" has the meaning ascribed to it in 23 U.S.C. § 166(f)(3).

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective:

1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

2. On October 1, 2009, for all other purposes.

