

SENATE BILL NO. 240—SENATORS BREEDEN, COPENING, HARDY,
HORSFORD, LEE; COFFIN, MCGINNESS, SCHNEIDER AND
WOODHOUSE

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JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN MANENDO,
MUNFORD AND SEGERBLOM

Referred to Committee on Energy, Infrastructure and Transportation

SUMMARY—Limits the maximum speed on certain portions of
State Route 159. (BDR 43-1072)

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 highways; limiting the maximum speed on
certain portions of State Route 159; and providing other
matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 This bill establishes the State Route 159 Speed Reduction Zone to limit
- 2 vehicular traffic to not more than 45 miles per hour on any portion of State Route
- 3 159 that: (1) is within the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area; (2) abuts
- 4 or is immediately adjacent to the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area; or
- 5 (3) has been designated as a Scenic Byway or State Scenic Byway.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:
- 2 1. Because of the unique character of the Red Rock Canyon
- 3 National Conservation Area, restrictions on the maximum speed for
- 4 vehicular traffic in and around the Red Rock Canyon National
- 5 Conservation Area are necessary for:
- 6 (a) The protection of the natural environment in and around the
- 7 Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area; and



(b) The safety and protection of the residents and visitors who enjoy the scenic beauty and recreational opportunities in and around the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area.

2. The enactment of this act is not intended to encourage the imposition of similar restrictions on other designated highways in this State.

Sec. 2. Chapter 484 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The State Route 159 Speed Reduction Zone is hereby established.

2. Within the State Route 159 Speed Reduction Zone, the Department of Transportation, in cooperation with other governmental entities whose jurisdiction includes this area, shall ensure that:

(a) The maximum speed that is allowed for vehicular traffic is set at a level which does not exceed 45 miles per hour; and

(b) Adequate signage or other forms of notice are posted and maintained to advise motorists of that maximum allowable speed.

3. The State Route 159 Speed Reduction Zone consists of:

(a) Any portion of State Route 159 that is within the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area;

(b) Any portion of State Route 159 that abuts or is immediately adjacent to the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area; and

(c) Any portion of State Route 159 that has been designated as a Scenic Byway or State Scenic Byway.

4. As used in this section, "Scenic Byway" and "State Scenic Byway" have the meanings ascribed to them in the National Scenic Byways Program, as issued by the Federal Highway Administration in 60 Federal Register 26,759 on May 18, 1995.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2009.

