

SENATE BILL NO. 29—COMMITTEE ON ENERGY,
INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE TAXICAB AUTHORITY)

PREFILED DECEMBER 5, 2008

Referred to Committee on Energy, Infrastructure and Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to taxicabs.
(BDR 58-434)

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 taxicabs; providing that a taxicab driver shall not alter or otherwise change a medallion; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 **Section 1** of this bill provides that a taxicab driver shall not alter or otherwise
2 change any medallion which may be issued by the Taxicab Authority.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 706.8849 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:
3 706.8849 1. A taxicab driver shall:
4 (a) Ensure that the fare indicator on the taximeter of his taxicab
5 reads zero before the time that the taxicab is engaged.
6 (b) Ensure that the taximeter of his taxicab is engaged while the
7 taxicab is on hire.
8 (c) Not make any charge for the transportation of a passenger
9 other than the charge shown on the taximeter.
10 (d) Not alter, manipulate, tamper with or disconnect a sealed
11 taximeter or its attachments nor make any change in the mechanical



1 condition of the wheels, tires or gears of a taxicab with intent to
2 cause false registration on the taximeter of the passenger fare.

3 (e) Not remove or alter fare schedules which have been posted
4 in his taxicab by the certificate holder.

5 (f) Not permit any person or persons other than the person who
6 has engaged the taxicab to ride therein unless the person who has
7 engaged the taxicab requests that the other person or persons ride in
8 the taxicab. If more than one person is loaded by the taxicab driver
9 as set forth in this paragraph, the driver shall, when one of the
10 persons leaves the taxicab, charge that person the fare on the meter
11 and reset the taximeter.

12 (g) Not drive a taxicab or go on duty while under the influence
13 of, or impaired by, any controlled substance, dangerous drug **H** or
14 intoxicating liquor, or drink intoxicating liquor while on duty.

15 (h) Not use or consume controlled substances or dangerous
16 drugs which impair a person's ability to operate a motor vehicle at
17 any time, or use or consume any other controlled substances or
18 dangerous drugs at any time except in accordance with a lawfully
19 issued prescription.

20 (i) Not operate a taxicab without a valid driver's permit issued
21 pursuant to NRS 706.8841 and a valid driver's license issued
22 pursuant to NRS 483.325 in his possession.

23 (j) Obey all provisions and restrictions of his employer's
24 certificate of public convenience and necessity.

25 ***(k) Not alter, manipulate, tamper with, destroy, remove or***
26 ***reposition any medallion.***

27 2. If a driver violates any provision of subsection 1, the
28 Administrator may, after a hearing, impose the following sanctions:

29 (a) For a first offense, 1 to 5 days' suspension of a driver's
30 permit or a fine of not more than \$100, or both suspension and fine.

31 (b) For a second offense, 6 to 20 days' suspension of a driver's
32 permit or a fine of not more than \$300, or both suspension and fine.

33 (c) For a third offense, a fine of not more than \$500.

34 ➔ In addition to the other penalties set forth in this subsection, the
35 Administrator may revoke a driver's permit for any violation of a
36 provision of paragraph (g) of subsection 1.

37 3. Only violations occurring in the 12 months immediately
38 preceding the most current violation may be considered for the
39 purposes of subsection 2. The Administrator shall inspect the
40 driver's record for that period to compute the number of offenses
41 committed.

42 ***4. As used in this section, "medallion" means a metal plate***
43 ***which may be issued by the Taxicab Authority in accordance with***
44 ***regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter.***



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

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