

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 510—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

MARCH 28, 2011

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the allocation of taxicabs by the Taxicab Authority. (BDR 58-1093)

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; requiring the Taxicab Authority to consider the interests of taxicab drivers in making certain decisions; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law provides the Taxicab Authority with authority to regulate taxicabs
2 in counties with a population of 400,000 or more (currently Clark County) or if the
3 board of county commissioners of a county has enacted an ordinance approving the
4 inclusion of the county within the jurisdiction of the Taxicab Authority. (NRS
5 706.881-706.885) This bill requires the Taxicab Authority to consider the interests,
6 welfare, convenience, necessity and well-being of drivers of taxicabs when
7 determining whether circumstances require the establishment of a system of
8 allocations, a change in existing allocations or a temporary increase in the number
9 of taxicabs allocated by the Taxicab Authority.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 706.8824 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 706.8824 1. In determining whether circumstances require
4 the establishment of a system of allocations or a change in existing
5 allocations, the Taxicab Authority shall consider the interests,
6 welfare, convenience, necessity and well-being of *drivers and* the
7 customers of taxicabs.

8 2. Whenever circumstances require the establishment of a
9 system of allocations, the Taxicab Authority shall allocate the



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1 number of taxicabs among the certificate holders in the county in a
2 manner which reflects the number of taxicabs operated by each
3 certificate holder during the 5 years immediately preceding the date
4 of establishment of the Taxicab Authority in the county.

5 3. Whenever circumstances require an increase in the existing
6 allocations, the Taxicab Authority shall allocate the additional
7 taxicabs equally among all the certificate holders who apply from
8 the area to be affected by the allocation.

9 4. Unless a certificate holder puts the additionally allocated
10 taxicabs into service within 30 days after the effective date of the
11 increased allocation, the increased allocation to that certificate
12 holder is void.

13 5. The Taxicab Authority may attach to the exercise of the
14 rights granted by the allocation any terms and conditions which in
15 its judgment the public interest may require. The Taxicab Authority
16 may limit:

17 (a) The geographical area from which service is offered or
18 provided.

19 (b) The hours of service. Such a limitation must not reduce
20 hours of service to less than 12 consecutive hours in a 24-hour
21 period.

22 ➤ If a limitation is placed on an allocation, taxicabs must be marked
23 in a distinctive manner that indicates the limitation.

24 6. The Taxicab Authority shall review annually:

25 (a) The existing allocation of taxicabs; and

26 (b) The rates, charges or fares of the certificate holders in its
27 jurisdiction.

28 **Sec. 2.** NRS 706.88245 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 706.88245 1. In determining whether circumstances require a
30 temporary increase in the number of taxicabs allocated pursuant to
31 NRS 706.8824, the Taxicab Authority shall consider the interests,
32 welfare, convenience, necessity and well-being of **drivers and** the
33 customers of taxicabs.

34 2. Whenever circumstances require a temporary increase in the
35 number of taxicabs allocated pursuant to NRS 706.8824, the
36 Taxicab Authority shall allocate the temporary increase equally
37 among the certificate holders in the area to be affected by the
38 allocation.

39 3. The Taxicab Authority shall determine:

40 (a) The number of additional taxicabs to be allocated;

41 (b) The hours of operation of the additional taxicabs; and

42 (c) The duration of the temporary allocation.



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- 1 4. The Taxicab Authority may adopt regulations governing
- 2 temporary increases in the allocation of taxicabs pursuant to this
- 3 section.

