

SENATE BILL NO. 144—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION’S COMMITTEE
TO STUDY THE PRODUCTION AND USE OF ENERGY)

FEBRUARY 10, 2011

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Requires certain garages to check and adjust the tire pressure of motor vehicles. (BDR 43-220)

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 motor vehicles; requiring a garage that performs any repairs on a motor vehicle to also check the tire pressure of the vehicle and adjust the pressure to meet the specifications of the tire manufacturer, if necessary; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Under existing law, a garage performing repairs on a motor vehicle must
2 perform the repairs in accordance with any specifications of the manufacturer of the
3 motor vehicle and with the written estimate agreed upon by the garage and the
4 person authorizing the repairs. (NRS 487.688) The Department of Motor Vehicles
5 is authorized to refuse to issue a registration or suspend, revoke or refuse to renew a
6 registration to operate a garage of any garage that violates certain statutes or
7 engages in certain fraudulent or deceptive conduct. (NRS 487.564) **Section 1** of
8 this bill requires a garage performing repairs on a motor vehicle to check the air
9 pressure in each tire on the vehicle and to adjust the air pressure in each tire, if
10 necessary, to meet the specifications for the tire by the manufacturer of the tire.
11 **Section 2** of this bill includes failure by a garage to perform the tire pressure checks
12 required by **section 1** as a violation for which the Department may refuse to issue a
13 registration to operate a garage or may suspend, revoke or refuse to renew a
14 registration to operate a garage. **Section 3** of this bill excludes failure by a garage to
15 perform the tire pressure checks required by **section 1** as a violation for which a
16 person is guilty of a misdemeanor.



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

Section 1. Chapter 487 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

If a garage performs repairs on a motor vehicle, the garage shall:

- 1. Check the air pressure in each tire on the vehicle; and*
- 2. If necessary, adjust the air pressure in each tire to meet the specifications established for the tire by the manufacturer of the tire.*

Sec. 2. NRS 487.564 is hereby amended to read as follows:

487.564 1. The Department may refuse to issue a registration or may suspend, revoke or refuse to renew a registration to operate a garage upon any of the following grounds:

(a) A false statement of a material fact in a certification for a salvage vehicle required pursuant to NRS 487.800.

(b) A false statement or certification for an inspection pursuant to NRS 487.800 which attests to the mechanical fitness or safety of a salvage vehicle.

(c) The Director determines that the garage or garage operator has engaged in a deceptive trade practice or violated the provisions of NRS 487.6871 to 487.6897, inclusive ~~H~~, *and section 1 of this act.*

(d) Evidence of unfitness of the applicant or registrant pursuant to NRS 487.165.

(e) A violation of any regulation adopted by the Department governing the operation of a garage.

(f) A violation of any statute or regulation that constitutes fraud in conjunction with the repair of a motor vehicle or operation of a garage.

2. A person for whom a certificate of registration has been suspended or revoked pursuant to the provisions of this section, subsection 6 of NRS 487.563 or similar provisions of the laws of any other state or territory of the United States shall not be employed by, or in any manner affiliated with, the operation of a garage subject to registration in this State.

3. As used in this section, "salvage vehicle" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 487.770.

Sec. 3. NRS 487.690 is hereby amended to read as follows:

487.690 Any person who violates any of the provisions of NRS 487.530 to 487.690, inclusive, *except section 1 of this act*, is guilty of a misdemeanor.



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1 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.

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