

SENATE BILL NO. 84—SENATOR MANENDO

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises certain provisions relating to roadblocks.
(BDR 43-601)

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; revising certain provisions relating to roadblocks; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law authorizes police officers to establish administrative and temporary roadblocks upon the highways of this State in certain circumstances. Existing law also sets forth certain requirements regarding such roadblocks for the purpose of warning and protecting the traveling public. (NRS 484B.570, 484B.573) During an administrative roadblock, one such requirement includes the placement of warning signs on the side of the highway not less than one-quarter of a mile from the point of the roadblock. (NRS 484B.570) **Section 1** of this bill revises this requirement and specifies that the warning signs must be placed not less than one-quarter of a mile from the entrance to the roadblock on a highway in a rural area, and not less than 700 feet from the entrance to the roadblock on a highway in an urban area. **Sections 1 and 2** of this bill specify that other required objects which are used to warn the traveling public of an administrative or temporary roadblock must be placed at the entrance to the roadblock or at a certain distance from the entrance to the roadblock.

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

Section 1. NRS 484B.570 is hereby amended to read as follows:
484B.570 1. The police officers in this State may establish, in their respective jurisdictions, administrative roadblocks upon the highways of this State for any lawful purpose other than identifying



the occupants of a vehicle or because of the existence of an emergency.

2. To warn and protect the traveling public, administrative roadblocks established by police officers must meet the following requirements:

(a) The administrative roadblock must be established at a point on the highway clearly visible to approaching traffic at a distance of not less than 100 yards in either direction.

(b) At the ~~point of~~ **entrance to** the administrative roadblock ~~at~~ :

(1) **A** sign must be placed near the centerline of the highway displaying the word "Stop" in letters of sufficient size and luminosity to be readable at a distance of not less than 50 yards in the direction affected by the **administrative** roadblock, either in daytime or darkness.

~~(c)~~ (2) At ~~the same point of the administrative roadblock, at~~ least one red flashing or intermittent light, on and burning, must be placed at the side of the highway, clearly visible to the oncoming traffic at a distance of not less than 100 yards.

~~(d) At a distance of not less than one-quarter of a mile from the point of the administrative roadblock, warning~~

(c) **Warning** signs must be placed at the side of the highway, containing any wording of sufficient size and luminosity to warn the oncoming traffic that a "police stop" lies ahead ~~I-A~~ , **and a** burning beam light, flare or lantern must be placed near the signs to attract the attention of the traffic to the ~~sign~~ **signs. The signs must be placed at a distance of not less than:**

(1) **One-quarter of a mile from the entrance to the administrative roadblock if the portion of the highway containing the administrative roadblock is in a rural area.**

(2) **Seven hundred feet from the entrance to the administrative roadblock if the portion of the highway containing the administrative roadblock is in an urban area.**

Sec. 2. NRS 484B.573 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484B.573 1. The police officers in this State may establish, in their respective jurisdictions, or in other jurisdictions within this State, temporary roadblocks upon the highways of this State:

(a) To apprehend persons known to be wanted for violation of the laws of this State, another state or the United States, and using the highways of this State for the purpose of escape; or

(b) To control traffic at or near the scene of a potential or existing emergency or hazard.

2. To warn and protect the traveling public, temporary roadblocks established by police officers must meet the following requirements:



(a) The temporary roadblock must be established at a point on the highway clearly visible at a distance of not less than 100 yards in either direction.

(b) At the ~~{point-of}~~ **entrance to** the temporary roadblock ~~{,an}~~ :

(1) **An** authorized emergency vehicle, plainly and clearly marked as such and with its warning lights in operation, must be placed so as to be clearly visible to traffic affected by the **temporary** roadblock at a distance of not less than 100 yards. When so placed, at least one of the vehicle's flashing red lights must be visible to approaching traffic at a distance of not less than 100 yards.

~~{(c) At the same point of the temporary roadblock, sufficient}~~

(2) **Sufficient** cones, reflectors, burning flares or similar devices must be in place to identify the ~~{point-of}~~ **entrance to** the **temporary** roadblock and direct, as necessary, the path to be followed by a vehicle approaching the **temporary** roadblock. The devices, when in place, must be clearly visible to traffic affected by the **temporary** roadblock at a distance of not less than 100 yards.

~~{(d)}~~ (c) At a point located not less than 200 yards, but not more than 400 yards, from the ~~{point-of}~~ **entrance to** the temporary roadblock, cones, reflectors, burning flares or similar devices must be placed on both shoulders of the highway and near the centerline of the highway to warn traffic that a condition hazardous to traffic exists in the immediate vicinity.

