

SENATE BILL NO. 429—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

MARCH 25, 2013

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises certain provisions relating to taxicabs.
(BDR 58-1103)

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; revising provisions relating to the authority of the Taxicab Authority to regulate the color scheme, insignie and design of the cruising lights of certain taxicabs; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Under existing law, a person must be a holder of a certificate of public
2 convenience and necessity to operate a taxicab business. (NRS 706.386, 706.473,
3 706.8827) In counties whose population is less than 700,000 (currently all counties
4 other than Clark County), the certificates are issued by the Nevada Transportation
5 Authority, and in counties whose population is 700,000 or more (currently Clark
6 County), the certificates are issued by the Taxicab Authority. (NRS 706.386,
7 706.881, 706.8827) Existing law requires the Taxicab Authority to: (1) approve or
8 disapprove the color scheme, insignie and design of the cruising lights of taxicabs of
9 a certificate holder in any county; and (2) ensure that the color scheme, insignie and
10 design of the cruising lights of one certificate holder are readily distinguishable
11 from those of another certificate holder operating in the same county. (NRS
12 706.8833, NAC 706.486) Existing law also requires that certain information about
13 a taxicab's fare schedule be displayed on each taxicab. (NRS 706.8835) This bill
14 eliminates the requirement that the Taxicab Authority approve or disapprove the
15 color scheme on the taxicabs of a particular certificate holder. This bill also
16 requires the Taxicab Authority to allow a certificate holder in any county to place
17 advertisements on the exterior of the certificate holder's taxicabs, provided that the
18 taxicabs bearing the advertisements are readily distinguishable from the taxicabs of
19 other certificate holders operating in the same county and that the taxicabs still
20 display the fare schedule as required.



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

Section 1. NRS 706.8833 is hereby amended to read as follows:

706.8833 1. The ~~feolor-scheme,~~ insigne and design of the cruising lights of each taxicab must conform to those approved for the certificate holder pursuant to regulations of the Authority.

2. The Authority shall approve or disapprove the ~~feolor-scheme,~~ insigne and design of the cruising lights of the taxicabs of a certificate holder in any county, and shall ensure that the ~~feolor-scheme-and~~ insigne of one certificate holder ~~are~~ *is* readily distinguishable from the ~~feolor-schemes-and~~ insignia of other certificate holders operating in the same county.

3. The Authority shall allow a certificate holder in any county to place advertisements on the exterior of the vehicles used as taxicabs in the operations of the certificate holder, provided that the taxicabs of the certificate holder which bear such advertisements:

(a) Are readily distinguishable from the taxicabs of other certificate holders operating in the same county; and

(b) Meet the requirements of NRS 706.8835.

