

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Seventy-Eighth Session
May 15, 2015**

The Committee on Transportation was called to order by Chair Jim Wheeler at 12:22 p.m. on Friday, May 15, 2015, in Room 3143 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. Copies of the minutes, including the Agenda ([Exhibit A](#)), the Attendance Roster ([Exhibit B](#)), and other substantive exhibits, are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and on the Nevada Legislature's website: www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/78th2015. In addition, copies of the audio or video of the meeting may be purchased, for personal use only, through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (email: publications@lcb.state.nv.us; telephone: 775-684-6835).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblyman Jim Wheeler, Chair
Assemblywoman Jill Dickman, Vice Chair
Assemblyman Nelson Araujo
Assemblyman Richard Carrillo
Assemblywoman Victoria A. Dooling
Assemblyman Brent A. Jones
Assemblywoman Marilyn K. Kirkpatrick
Assemblyman P.K. O'Neill
Assemblyman Stephen H. Silberkraus
Assemblywoman Ellen B. Spiegel
Assemblyman Michael C. Sprinkle
Assemblywoman Melissa Woodbury

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Assemblywoman Michele Fiore (excused)
Assemblyman Edgar Flores (excused)

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

None



STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michelle L. Van Geel, Committee Policy Analyst
Melissa M. Mundy, Committee Counsel
Henri Stone, Committee Secretary
Trinity Thom, Committee Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

Chair Wheeler:

[Roll was taken. Protocol was explained.] We will do a quick work session on Senate Bill 144 (1st Reprint).

**Senate Bill 144 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions governing traffic laws.
(BDR 43-72)**

Michelle L. Van Geel, Committee Policy Analyst:

Senate Bill 144 (1st Reprint) was heard in this Committee on May 14, 2015. It is sponsored by Senator Manendo. Senate Bill 144 (1st Reprint) authorizes the Department of Transportation or the governing body of a local government to designate pedestrian safety zones and doubles the penalty for violating certain traffic laws within such zones. [Continued to read from work session document ([Exhibit C](#)).]

A sign must be placed before a pedestrian safety zone to warn that higher fines may apply, and additional signs must identify the beginning and end of such a zone. In the case where there is a flashing yellow turn arrow, S.B. 144 (R1) requires a vehicle to yield the right-of-way to other traffic or pedestrians lawfully in the intersection. The bill also prohibits a vehicle from passing another vehicle or making a U-turn in an active designated school zone.

In the work session document there is a conceptual amendment proposed by Senator Manendo following the discussion yesterday [page 3, ([Exhibit C](#))]. The amendment would make two changes to the bill. First, it would make the additional penalty for committing certain traffic violations in a pedestrian safety zone discretionary instead of mandatory. Second, it would provide that if there are no signs erected which provide notice of the higher fines in the pedestrian safety zone and mark the beginning and end of the pedestrian safety zone, then a person is not subject to the additional penalty for committing certain traffic violations in a pedestrian safety zone.

Chair Wheeler:

Can we have a motion to amend and do pass?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SPIEGEL MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS
SENATE BILL 144 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYMAN CARRILLO SECONDED THE MOTION.

Chair Wheeler:

Is there any discussion?

Assemblywoman Dickman:

While I have the utmost respect for Senator Manendo, there are things about this bill I am not crazy about. I am going to vote to get it out of Committee, but I would like to reserve my right to vote no on the floor.

Chair Wheeler:

Is there any further discussion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN FIORE AND FLORES
WERE ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

Chair Wheeler:

We will close the hearing on S.B. 144 (R1). The floor statement will go to Assemblywoman Spiegel. Is there any public comment? Seeing none, the meeting is adjourned [at 12:26 p.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Henri Stone
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Assemblyman Jim Wheeler, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBITS

Committee Name: Assembly Committee on Transportation

Date: May 15, 2015

Time of Meeting: 12:22 p.m.

Bill	Exhibit	Witness / Agency	Description
	A		Agenda
	B		Attendance Roster
S.B. 144 (R1)	C	Michelle Van Geel / Committee Policy Analyst	Work Session Document