

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 41—COMMITTEE
ON GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION)

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Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the operation of certain vehicles. (BDR 43-346)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in **bold italics** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to vehicles; revising provisions governing the application and issuance of certain permits by the Department of Transportation for the operation of certain vehicles; authorizing the Department to grant a waiver from the maximum width of oversized manufactured or mobile homes or similar structures; revising provisions governing the measurement of the height, length and width of certain vehicles carrying loads; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, the maximum permissible height of a vehicle operating on any highway in this State is 14 feet measured from the surface on which the vehicle stands, except the maximum permissible height of a vehicle carrying a load of baled hay is 15 feet. (NRS 484D.605) **Section 1** of this bill clarifies that the maximum permissible height of a vehicle carrying a load of baled hay is measured from the surface on which the vehicle stands.

Existing law authorizes the Department of Transportation to issue a permit, upon application in writing, for an applicant to: (1) operate or move a vehicle, combination of vehicles, special mobile equipment or load thereon of a size or weight exceeding the legal maximum, use corrugations on a traction engine or tractor, or operate or move a vehicle otherwise prohibited by law; (2) move an oversized manufactured or mobile home or similar structure; or (3) operate or move a vehicle with an oversized load. (NRS 484D.685, 484D.715, 484D.720, 484D.725) **Sections 2-5** of this bill remove the requirement that an application for such a permit be made in writing. **Sections 3 and 4** of this bill remove the requirement under existing law that a permit to move an oversized manufactured or mobile



home or similar structure be issued by the Department in writing. (NRS 484D.715, 484D.720)

Under existing law, a special or multiple trip-limited time permit to move a manufactured or mobile home or similar vehicle or structure may be issued for a vehicle or structure in excess of 120 inches in width but not more than 192 inches in width. (NRS 484D.720) **Section 4** authorizes an applicant for such a permit to request a waiver from the Department from the maximum of 192 inches in width.

Existing law provides for the issuance of a permit for an oversized load to operate or move a vehicle that exceeds a certain height, length or width. (NRS 484D.725) **Section 5** of this bill provides that for the purposes of the issuance of such a permit: (1) the measurement of height is from the surface on which the vehicle stands; (2) the measurement of length is from the front bumper or front overhang to the rear bumper or rear overhang, whichever is longer; and (3) the measurement of width is from the widest point on each side.

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

Section 1. NRS 484D.605 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484D.605 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2, 3 and 4, a vehicle must not be operated on any highway of this State if its height, including any load, exceeds 14 feet measured from the surface on which the vehicle stands.

2. The maximum permissible height of a load of baled hay is 15 feet ~~to~~ *measured from the surface on which the vehicle carrying the load stands.*

3. The Department of Transportation shall issue a continuing permit, upon application, to the operator of a vehicle whose height without load exceeds the limit imposed by subsection 1 if the vehicle was registered and in operation on the highways of this State on April 15, 1973. Any such permit must provide only for the operation of the vehicle over those portions of the highways of this State over which it was customarily operated on April 15, 1973, and until it is replaced by another vehicle.

4. It is unlawful to operate a vehicle governed by any of the provisions of subsection 1, 2 or 3 over any portion of a highway where the free clearance of any structure or encroachment is less than the actual height of the vehicle and load.

Sec. 2. NRS 484D.685 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484D.685 1. As used in this section and NRS 484D.700, "special mobile equipment" means a vehicle, not self-propelled, not designed or used primarily for the transportation of persons or property, and only incidentally operated or moved over a highway, excepting implements of husbandry.

2. The Department of Transportation with respect to highways under its jurisdiction and governing bodies of cities and counties



with respect to roads under their jurisdiction may, upon application ,
~~in writing,~~ authorize the applicant to operate or move a vehicle,
combination of vehicles, special mobile equipment, or load thereon
of a size or weight exceeding the legal maximum, or to use
corrugations on the periphery of the movable tracks on a traction
engine or tractor, the propulsive power of which is not exerted
through wheels resting on the roadway but by means of a flexible
band or chain, or, under emergency conditions, to operate or move a
type of vehicle otherwise prohibited by law, upon any highway
under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation or
governing body granting that permit.

3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 484D.690 to
484D.725, inclusive, the legal maximum width of any vehicle,
combination of vehicles, special mobile equipment or load thereon
is 102 inches.

4. If a vehicle is equipped with pneumatic tires, the maximum
width from the outside of one wheel and tire to the outside of the
opposite outer wheel and tire must not exceed 108 inches, and the
outside width of the body of the vehicle or the load thereon must not
exceed 102 inches.

5. Lights or devices which must be mounted upon a vehicle
under this chapter may extend beyond the permissible width of the
vehicle to a distance not exceeding 10 inches on each side of the
vehicle, but the maximum width must not exceed 126 inches.

6. Door handles, hinges, cable cinchers and chain binders may
extend 3 inches on each side, but the maximum width of body and
door handles, hinges, cable cinchers or chain binders must not
exceed 108 inches.

7. A person shall not operate a passenger vehicle on any
highway with any load carried thereon extending beyond the line of
the hubcaps on its left side or more than 6 inches beyond the line of
the hubcaps on its right side.

Sec. 3. NRS 484D.715 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484D.715 1. The Department of Transportation may, upon
application , ~~in writing,~~ if good cause appears, issue a special or
multiple trip-limited time permit ~~in writing,~~ authorizing the
applicant to move a manufactured or mobile home, or any other
similar type of vehicle or structure, in excess of the maximum
width, but not exceeding, except as otherwise provided in NRS
484D.720, 120 inches exclusive of appendages which must not
extend beyond 3 inches on either side. The Department of
Transportation may establish seasonal or other limitations on the
time within which the home, vehicle or structure may be moved on
the highways indicated, and may require an undertaking or other
security as may be considered necessary to protect the highways and



bridges from injury or to provide indemnity for any injury resulting from the operation. Permits for the movement of homes, vehicles or structures as provided for in this section may be issued only to licensed manufacturers, dealers, owners and transporters and may be issued only under the following conditions:

(a) The power unit used to tow an overwidth home, vehicle or structure having a gross weight of 18,000 pounds or less must be a three-quarter-ton truck or tractor, or a truck or tractor of greater power equipped with dual wheels.

(b) The power unit used to tow an overwidth home, vehicle or structure having a gross weight in excess of 18,000 pounds must be a one-and-one-half-ton, or larger, truck or tractor equipped with dual wheels.

(c) The mobile home for which the permit is issued must comply with the provisions of NRS 484D.635 relating to maximum weight on axles.

(d) The insurer must furnish evidence of insurance verifying coverage of the overwidth home, vehicle or structure in the amount of \$100,000 because of bodily injury to or death of one person in any one crash, in the amount of \$300,000 because of bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in any one crash and in the amount of \$50,000 because of injury to or destruction of property of others in any one crash.

2. A permit which has been issued for the movement of a manufactured or mobile home, or a similar type of vehicle or structure, is not valid between sunset and sunrise. The Director of the Department of Transportation may establish additional reasonable regulations, consistent with this section, including regulations concerning the movement of such a home, vehicle or structure on a Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday, as the Director considers necessary in the interest of public safety.

Sec. 4. NRS 484D.720 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484D.720 1. ~~[The]~~ ***Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the*** Department of Transportation may, upon application, ~~[in writing]~~ if good cause appears, issue a special or multiple trip-limited time permit ~~[in writing]~~ authorizing the applicant to move a manufactured or mobile home, or any other similar type of vehicle or structure, in excess of 120 inches in width but not exceeding 192 inches in width, including any appendages and roof eaves. ***Upon request of the applicant, the Department of Transportation may grant a waiver from the maximum width of 192 inches, subject to any conditions prescribed by the Department of Transportation.***

2. The movement of a manufactured or mobile home, or a similar type of vehicle or structure, pursuant to subsection 1 is, in



1 addition to the conditions and requirements of NRS 484D.715,
2 subject to the following requirements and conditions:

3 (a) "Wide-load" signs and red flags must be on the front of the
4 towing vehicle and on the rear of the home, vehicle or structure.

5 (b) The towing vehicle must be a one-and-one-half-ton or larger
6 truck or tractor equipped with dual wheels.

7 (c) The applicant must present evidence satisfactory to the
8 Department that the applicant is financially responsible and has
9 complied or is able to comply with the equipment requirements.

10 (d) As an additional warning to approaching traffic, the towing
11 vehicle must be operated with the headlights turned on low beam.

12 (e) The driver of the towing vehicle shall do everything possible
13 to prevent the congestion or slowing down of traffic in either
14 direction because of the overwidth home, vehicle or structure and
15 shall, if necessary to maintain the normal flow of traffic, drive the
16 towing vehicle and the home, vehicle or structure off the pavement
17 where safe to do so, in order that traffic may pass.

18 (f) When two or more homes, vehicles or structures in excess of
19 120 inches in width are moved over the same highway in the same
20 direction, the drivers of the towing vehicles shall maintain a distance
21 of at least 1,000 feet between vehicles.

22 3. The Department of Transportation shall:

23 (a) Designate the highways over which manufactured or mobile
24 homes, or other similar types of vehicles or structures, in excess of
25 120 inches in width may be moved, and may require a pilot car to
26 precede or follow the load.

27 (b) Prescribe, by regulation, standards for moving homes,
28 vehicles or structures, in excess of 120 inches in width, including
29 the times and days when such moving is permitted, and additional
30 safety precautions to be taken.

31 4. The regulations adopted pursuant to paragraph (b) of
32 subsection 3 may establish different standards that are applicable
33 only to the moving of a manufactured or mobile home, or other
34 similar types of vehicle or structure, that is in excess of 168 inches,
35 excluding any appendages and roof eaves, but does not exceed 192
36 inches in width, including any appendages and roof eaves.

37 **Sec. 5.** NRS 484D.725 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 484D.725 Upon receipt of the necessary application , ~~the~~
39 ~~writing,~~ the Department of Transportation shall issue a permit to
40 operate or move a vehicle on the highways of this State which has a
41 load that:

42 1. Exceeds 14 feet in height ~~the~~ *measured from the surface on*
43 *which the vehicle stands;*



- 1 2. Exceeds 70 feet in length  *measured from the front*
2 *bumper or front overhang to the rear bumper or rear overhang,*
3 *whichever is longer;* or
4 3. Exceeds 102 inches in width  *measured at the widest*
5 *points on each side,*
6 ↪ unless the Department of Transportation determines that the
7 operation of the vehicle would be a safety hazard or impede the flow
8 of traffic.
9 **Sec. 6.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

