

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 444—COMMITTEE
ON GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing limousines.
(BDR 58-1020)

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 limousines; authorizing a transportation network company to contract with a limousine motor carrier to provide limousine services through the use of the digital network or software application service of the transportation network company; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law authorizes a transportation network company to enter into an agreement with one or more drivers to receive connections to potential passengers from the company in exchange for the payment of a fee by the driver to the company. (NRS 706A.160) **Section 5** of this bill authorizes a transportation network company to enter into a contract with certain limousine motor carriers who hold a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a limousine to allow drivers employed by the limousine motor carrier to receive connections to potential passengers from the transportation network company in exchange for the payment of a fee by the limousine motor carrier. **Section 5** requires a limousine motor carrier that has entered into such a contract to notify the transportation network company of any change in the status of the certificate of public convenience and necessity of the limousine motor carrier. **Section 5** applies certain excise taxes imposed on transportation network companies to limousine services provided pursuant to a contract with a transportation network company. **Sections 2-4** of this bill define terms relating to limousines.

Section 7 of this bill amends the term “driver” as used in the provisions of NRS governing transportation network companies to exclude a limousine driver providing limousine services pursuant to a contract between a transportation network company and a limousine motor carrier.

Sections 8-10 of this bill make conforming changes to reflect that a limousine driver and limousine motor carrier that provide limousine services pursuant to a



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contract with a transportation network company remain subject to the provisions of NRS governing motor carriers.

Existing law requires a transportation network company to obtain certain information concerning a driver before allowing the driver to be connected to potential passengers. (NRS 706A.160) **Section 11** of this bill exempts a limousine driver who is providing limousine services pursuant to an agreement with a limousine motor carrier from these requirements.

Section 11.5 of this bill authorizes a transportation network company to charge a fare on behalf of a limousine motor carrier for limousine services provided pursuant to a contract with the company and requires the method of calculating the fare and, if a passenger elects to receive it, an estimate of the fare to be disclosed by the transportation network company before the passenger enters the limousine of the limousine driver. **Section 11.5** also prohibits a limousine driver when providing limousine services from soliciting or accepting cash as payment of the fare.

Section 12 of this bill requires a transportation network company to transmit to a passenger a photo of the limousine driver who will be providing limousine services and the license plate of the limousine before the passenger enters the limousine.

Section 13 of this bill requires a transportation network company to transmit an electronic receipt to a passenger who receives limousine services through the transportation network company.

Section 14 of this bill authorizes a transportation network company to transmit the name and telephone number of a passenger to a limousine driver for the purposes of correctly identifying and communicating with the passenger.

Section 14.5 of this bill prohibits a local governmental entity, with certain exceptions, from imposing any tax or fee on a limousine motor carrier that has entered into a contract with a transportation network company or imposing certain other requirements on a limousine driver when providing limousine services.

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

Section 1. Chapter 706A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 2. *“Limousine driver” means a person who has been issued a driver’s permit by the Authority pursuant to NRS 706.462 and is employed or under a contract to operate a limousine for a limousine motor carrier.*

Sec. 3. *“Limousine motor carrier” means a motor carrier who has obtained a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a limousine which does not limit the number of limousines that the motor carrier is authorized to operate.*

Sec. 4. *“Limousine services” means the transportation in a limousine by a limousine driver of one or more passengers between points chosen by the passenger or passengers and prearranged through the use of the digital network or software application service of a transportation network company. The term includes only the period beginning when a limousine driver*



1 *accepts a request by a passenger for transportation through the*
2 *digital network or software application service of a transportation*
3 *network company and ending when the last such passenger fully*
4 *disembarks from the limousine operated by the limousine driver.*

5 **Sec. 5. 1.** *A transportation network company may enter*
6 *into a contract with a limousine motor carrier whereby limousine*
7 *drivers employed by the limousine motor carrier may receive*
8 *connections to potential passengers and related services from a*
9 *transportation network company in exchange for the payment of a*
10 *fee by the limousine motor carrier to the transportation network*
11 *company.*

12 **2.** *Notwithstanding any contract entered into pursuant to*
13 *subsection 1, a limousine motor carrier shall not provide*
14 *limousine services through a transportation network company*
15 *unless the transportation network company holds a valid permit*
16 *issued by the Authority pursuant to this chapter.*

17 **3.** *A limousine motor carrier which enters into a contract*
18 *pursuant to subsection 1:*

19 *(a) Remains subject to the provisions of chapter 706 of NRS*
20 *and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto, including with*
21 *respect to limousine services provided pursuant to a contract*
22 *entered into pursuant to subsection 1.*

23 *(b) Shall notify the transportation network company of any*
24 *change in the status of the certificate of public convenience and*
25 *necessity of the limousine motor carrier within 24 hours after the*
26 *limousine motor carrier receives notice of or becomes aware of*
27 *such a change.*

28 **4.** *The fare charged for the transportation of a passenger by a*
29 *limousine driver pursuant to a contract entered into pursuant to*
30 *subsection 1 is subject to the excise tax imposed pursuant to NRS*
31 *372B.140 and exempt from the excise tax imposed pursuant to*
32 *NRS 372B.150.*

33 **Sec. 6.** NRS 706A.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 706A.020 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
35 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 706A.030 to
36 706A.060, inclusive, *and sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act*, have the
37 meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

38 **Sec. 7.** NRS 706A.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 706A.040 "Driver" ~~means~~:

40 **1. Means** a natural person who:

41 ~~1-1~~ **(a)** Operates a motor vehicle that is owned, leased or
42 otherwise authorized for use by the person; and

43 ~~2-1~~ **(b)** Enters into an agreement with a transportation network
44 company to receive connections to potential passengers and related



1 services from a transportation network company in exchange for the
2 payment of a fee to the transportation network company.

3 *2. Does not include a limousine driver who provides*
4 *limousine services under a contract entered into pursuant to*
5 *section 5 of this act.*

6 **Sec. 8.** NRS 706A.075 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 706A.075 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,
8 the provisions of this chapter do not exempt any person from any
9 law governing the operation of a motor vehicle upon the highways
10 of this State.

11 2. A transportation network company which holds a valid
12 permit issued by the Authority pursuant to this chapter, a driver who
13 has entered into an agreement with such a company and a vehicle
14 operated by such a driver are exempt from:

15 (a) The provisions of chapter 704 of NRS relating to public
16 utilities; and

17 (b) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 706.88396 ~~§~~ *and*
18 *section 5 of this act*, the provisions of chapter 706 of NRS,
19 ↪ to the extent that the services provided by the company or driver
20 are within the scope of the permit.

21 **Sec. 9.** NRS 706A.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 706A.110 1. A transportation network company shall not
23 engage in business in this State unless the company holds a valid
24 permit issued by the Authority pursuant to this chapter.

25 2. A driver shall not provide transportation services unless the
26 company with which the driver is affiliated holds a valid permit
27 issued by the Authority pursuant to this chapter.

28 3. The Authority is authorized and empowered to regulate,
29 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, all transportation network
30 companies and drivers who operate or wish to operate within this
31 State. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 706.88396 ~~§~~ *and*
32 *section 5 of this act*, the Authority shall not apply any provision of
33 chapter 706 of NRS to a transportation network company or a driver
34 who operates within the provisions of this chapter and the
35 regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

36 **Sec. 10.** NRS 706A.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 706A.130 1. Upon receipt of a completed application and
38 upon a determination by the Authority that an applicant meets the
39 requirements for the issuance of a permit to operate a transportation
40 network company, the Authority shall issue to the applicant within
41 30 days a permit to operate a transportation network company in this
42 State.

43 2. In accordance with the provisions of this chapter, a permit
44 issued pursuant to this section:



(a) Authorizes a transportation network company to connect one or more passengers through the use of a digital network or software application service to a driver who can provide transportation services.

(b) Authorizes a transportation network company to make its digital network or software application service available to one or more drivers to receive connections to potential passengers from the company in exchange for the payment of a fee by the driver to the company.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 706.88396 ~~and~~ *and section 5 of this act*, does not authorize a transportation network company or any driver to engage in any activity otherwise regulated pursuant to chapter 706 of NRS other than the activity authorized by this chapter.

3. Nothing in this chapter prohibits the issuance of a permit to operate a transportation network company to a person who is regulated pursuant to chapter 706 of NRS if the person submits an application pursuant to NRS 706A.120 and meets the requirements for the issuance of a permit.

Sec. 11. NRS 706A.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

706A.160 1. A transportation network company may enter into an agreement with one or more drivers to receive connections to potential passengers from the company in exchange for the payment of a fee by the driver to the company.

2. Before a transportation network company allows a person to be connected to potential passengers using the digital network or software application service of the company pursuant to an agreement with the company, *except for a contract entered into pursuant to section 5 of this act*, the company must:

(a) Require the person to submit an application to the company, which must include, without limitation:

(1) The name, age and address of the applicant.

(2) A copy of the driver's license of the applicant.

(3) A record of the driving history of the applicant.

(4) A description of the motor vehicle of the applicant and a copy of the motor vehicle registration.

(5) Proof that the applicant has complied with the requirements of NRS 485.185.

(b) At the time of application and not less than once every 3 years thereafter, conduct or contract with a third party to conduct an investigation of the criminal history of the applicant, which must include, without limitation:

(1) A review of a commercially available database containing criminal records from each state which are validated using a search of the primary source of each record.



(2) A search of a database containing the information available in the sex offender registry maintained by each state.

(c) At the time of application and not less than once every year thereafter, obtain and review a complete record of the driving history of the applicant.

3. A transportation network company may enter into an agreement with a driver if:

(a) The applicant is at least 19 years of age.

(b) The applicant possesses a valid driver's license issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles unless the applicant is exempt from the requirement to obtain a Nevada driver's license pursuant to NRS 483.240.

(c) The applicant provides proof that the motor vehicle operated by him or her is registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles unless the applicant is exempt from the requirement to register the motor vehicle in this State pursuant to NRS 482.385.

(d) The applicant provides proof that the motor vehicle operated by him or her is operated and maintained in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws.

(e) The applicant provides proof that he or she currently is in compliance with the provisions of NRS 485.185.

(f) In the 3 years immediately preceding the date on which the application is submitted, the applicant has not been found guilty of three or more violations of the motor vehicle laws of this State or any traffic ordinance of any city or town, the penalty prescribed for which is a misdemeanor.

(g) In the 3 years immediately preceding the date on which the application is submitted, the applicant has not been found guilty of any violation of the motor vehicle laws of this State or any traffic ordinance of any city or town, the penalty prescribed for which is a gross misdemeanor or felony.

(h) In the 7 years immediately preceding the date on which the application is submitted, the applicant has not been found guilty of any violation of federal, state or local law prohibiting driving or being in actual physical control of a vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance.

(i) In the 7 years immediately preceding the date on which the application is submitted, the applicant has not been found guilty of any crime involving an act of terrorism, an act of violence, a sexual offense, fraud, theft, damage to property of another or the use of a motor vehicle in the commission of a felony.

(j) The name of the applicant does not appear in the database searched pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 2.



4. A driver shall, not later than 6 months after a transportation network company allows the driver to be connected to potential passengers using the digital network or software application service of the company pursuant to an agreement with the company and annually thereafter, on or before the anniversary date of that agreement, provide to the company verification that the driver holds a valid state business license pursuant to chapter 76 of NRS. Such verification may consist of the business identification number assigned by the Secretary of State to the driver upon compliance with the provisions of chapter 76 of NRS.

5. A transportation network company shall terminate an agreement with any driver who:

(a) Fails to submit to the transportation network company a change in his or her address, driver's license or motor vehicle registration within 30 days after the date of the change.

(b) Fails to immediately report to the transportation network company any change in his or her driving history or criminal history.

(c) Refuses to authorize the transportation network company to obtain and review an updated complete record of his or her driving history not less than once each year and an investigation of his or her criminal history not less than once every 3 years.

(d) Is determined by the transportation network company to be ineligible for an agreement pursuant to subsection 3 on the basis of any updated information received by the transportation network company.

(e) Fails to comply with the provisions of subsection 4.

Sec. 11.5. NRS 706A.170 is hereby amended to read as follows:

706A.170 1. In accordance with the provisions of this chapter, a transportation network company which holds a valid permit issued by the Authority pursuant to this chapter may, on behalf of a driver ~~or a~~ *or a limousine motor carrier with which the company has entered into a contract pursuant to section 5 of this act*, charge a fare for transportation services *or limousine services* provided to a passenger by the driver ~~or a~~ *or limousine driver*.

2. If a fare is charged, the company must disclose the rates charged by the company and the method by which the amount of a fare is calculated:

(a) On an Internet website maintained by the company; or

(b) Within the digital network or software application service of the company.

3. If a fare is charged, the company must offer to each passenger the option to receive, before the passenger enters the motor vehicle of a driver ~~or a~~ *or limousine of a limousine driver*, an



1 estimate of the amount of the fare that will be charged to the
2 passenger.

3 4. A transportation network company may accept payment of a
4 fare only electronically. A transportation network company or a
5 driver *or limousine driver when providing limousine services* shall
6 not solicit or accept cash as payment of a fare.

7 5. A transportation network company shall not impose any
8 additional charge for a driver who provides transportation services
9 *or a limousine driver who provides limousine services* to a person
10 with a physical disability because of the disability.

11 6. The Authority may adopt regulations establishing a
12 maximum fare that may be charged during an emergency, as defined
13 in NRS 414.0345.

14 **Sec. 12.** NRS 706A.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 706A.200 For each instance in which a driver *or limousine*
16 *driver* provides transportation services *or limousine services* to
17 a passenger, the transportation network company which connected
18 the passenger to the driver *or limousine driver* shall provide to the
19 passenger, before the passenger enters the motor vehicle of a driver
20 ~~[]~~ *or limousine of a limousine driver*, a photograph of the driver *or*
21 *limousine driver* who will provide the transportation services *or*
22 *limousine services* and the license plate number of the motor
23 vehicle operated by the driver ~~[]~~ *or limousine operated by the*
24 *limousine driver*. The information required by this section must be
25 provided to the passenger:

26 1. On an Internet website maintained by the company; or

27 2. Within the digital network or software application service of
28 the company.

29 **Sec. 13.** NRS 706A.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 706A.210 A transportation network company which connected
31 a passenger to a driver *or limousine driver when providing*
32 *limousine services* shall, within a reasonable period following the
33 provision of transportation services *or limousine services* by
34 the driver *or limousine driver* to the passenger, transmit to the
35 passenger an electronic receipt, which must include, without
36 limitation:

37 1. A description of the point of origin and the destination of the
38 transportation services ~~[]~~ *or limousine services*;

39 2. The total time for which transportation services *or limousine*
40 *services* were provided;

41 3. The total distance traveled; and

42 4. An itemization of the fare, if any, charged for the
43 transportation services ~~[]~~ *or limousine services*.



1 **Sec. 14.** NRS 706A.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 706A.250 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a
3 transportation network company shall not disclose to any person the
4 personally identifiable information of a passenger who received
5 services from the company unless:

6 (a) The disclosure is otherwise required by law;

7 (b) The company determines that disclosure is required to
8 protect or defend the terms of use of the services or to investigate
9 violations of those terms of use; or

10 (c) The passenger consents to the disclosure.

11 2. A transportation network company may disclose to a driver
12 *or limousine driver when providing limousine services* the name
13 and telephone number of a passenger for the purposes of facilitating
14 correct identification of the passenger and facilitating
15 communication between the driver *or limousine driver* and the
16 passenger.

17 **Sec. 14.5.** NRS 706A.310 is hereby amended to read as
18 follows:

19 706A.310 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a
20 local governmental entity shall not:

21 (a) Impose any tax or fee on a transportation network company
22 operating within the scope of a valid permit issued by the Authority
23 pursuant to this chapter, a driver *or limousine motor carrier* who
24 has entered into an agreement with such a company or a vehicle
25 operated by such a driver *or by a limousine driver when providing*
26 *limousine services* or for transportation services *or limousine*
27 *services* provided by such a driver ~~or~~ *or limousine driver.*

28 (b) Require a transportation network company operating within
29 the scope of a valid permit issued by the Authority pursuant to this
30 chapter to obtain from the local government any certificate, license
31 or permit to operate within that scope or require a driver *or*
32 *limousine motor carrier* who has entered into an agreement with
33 such a company *or a limousine driver when providing limousine*
34 *services* to obtain from the local government any certificate, license
35 or permit to provide transportation services ~~or~~ *or limousine*
36 *services.*

37 (c) Impose any other requirement upon a transportation network
38 company or a driver *or limousine driver when providing limousine*
39 *services* which is not of general applicability to all persons who
40 operate a motor vehicle within the jurisdiction of the local
41 government.

42 2. Nothing in this section:

43 (a) Prohibits a local governmental entity from requiring a
44 transportation network company or driver to obtain from the local
45 government a business license or to pay any business license fee in



1 the same manner that is generally applicable to any other business
2 that operates within the jurisdiction of the local government.

3 (b) Prohibits an airport or its governing body from requiring a
4 transportation network company or a driver to:

5 (1) Obtain a permit or certification to operate at the airport;

6 (2) Pay a fee to operate at the airport; or

7 (3) Comply with any other requirement to operate at the
8 airport.

9 (c) Exempts a vehicle operated by a driver from any tax imposed
10 pursuant to NRS 354.705, 371.043 or 371.045.

11 3. The provisions of this chapter do not exempt any person
12 from the requirement to obtain a state business license issued
13 pursuant to chapter 76 of NRS. A transportation network company
14 shall notify each driver of the requirement to obtain a state business
15 license issued pursuant to chapter 76 of NRS and the penalties for
16 failing to obtain a state business license.

17 **Sec. 15.** Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 218D.430 and
18 218D.435, a committee, other than the Assembly Standing
19 Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Standing Committee
20 on Finance, may vote on this act before the expiration of the period
21 prescribed for the return of a fiscal note in NRS 218D.475. This
22 section applies retroactively from and after March 22, 2021.

23 **Sec. 16.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2021.

