ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 54–COMMITTEE
ON GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE

(ON BEHALF OF THE NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL DIVISION
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY)

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Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the inspection of commercial motor vehicles. (BDR 43-158)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.
Effect on the State Highway Fund: 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 vehicles; authorizing inspectors employed by the Department of Public Safety who are not peace officers to issue civil or administrative citations or notices for certain violations of law or regulation punishable by civil or administrative penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law authorizes inspectors of the Department of Public Safety who are not peace officers to: (1) detain drivers of commercial motor vehicles with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or more for a violation relating to the required equipment, lights, brakes, tires, mechanisms or safety appliances that are punishable by civil or administrative penalties; and (2) issue civil or administrative citations or notices for such violations. (NRS 706.235) Existing law also authorizes inspectors of the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Motor Vehicles who have certain training in vehicle weight enforcement to enforce certain requirements relating to the size and weight of commercial vehicles that are punishable by civil penalties. (NRS 484D.675, 484D.680) **Section 1** of this bill expands this authority to authorize an inspector of the Department of Public Safety who is not a peace officer to detain the driver of a motor vehicle and issue a civil infraction citation or other document to initiate civil penalties for a violation of law governing the size or weight of a vehicle that is committed in the presence of the inspector and is punishable as a civil infraction. **Section 2** of this bill similarly authorizes an inspector of the Department of Public Safety who is not a peace officer to detain the driver of certain commercial motor

vehicles and issue a civil or administrative citation or notice for a violation of a provision of law, or a regulation adopted pursuant thereto, that is punishable by a civil or administrative penalty and relates to the safety of a commercial motor vehicle, the size or weight of a commercial motor vehicle, hours of service of the driver or the criteria to place the vehicle out-of-service. **Sections 1 and 2** prohibit such inspectors of the Department of Public Safety who are not peace officers from investigating or enforcing any provision of law that is punishable as a criminal offense.

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

Section 1. Chapter 484D of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. In addition to the authority granted to an inspector of the Department of Public Safety pursuant to NRS 484D.675 and 706.235 and section 2 of this act, an inspector of the Department of Public Safety who is not a peace officer and is designated by the Director of the Department of Public Safety to perform the functions set forth in this section, having reasonable cause to believe that a driver of a vehicle has committed in the presence of the inspector a violation of any provision of NRS 484D.600 to 484D.745, inclusive, relating to the size or weight of a vehicle that is punishable as a civil infraction pursuant to NRS 484A.703 to 484A.705, inclusive, or a civil penalty pursuant to NRS 484D.680 may halt and detain the driver thereof as is reasonably necessary to investigate the alleged violation and issue a civil infraction citation or any document to impose a civil penalty pursuant to NRS 484D.680 for the alleged violation.

2. An inspector of the Department of Public Safety described in subsection 1 shall not take any action in connection with the investigation or enforcement of any alleged violation of law that is punishable as a criminal offense, including, without limitation:

(a) Halting and detaining a person upon reasonable cause to believe that a violation of law that is punishable as a criminal offense has occurred;

(b) Conducting a search of a person or vehicle for evidence of a violation of law that is punishable as a criminal offense; or

(c) Arresting a person or issuing a citation for a violation of law that is a criminal offense.

Sec. 2. Chapter 706 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. In addition to the authority granted to an inspector of the Department of Public Safety pursuant to NRS 484D.675 and 706.235 and section 1 of this act, an inspector of the Department of Public Safety who is not a peace officer and is designated by the

Director of the Department of Public Safety to perform the functions set forth in this section, having reasonable cause to believe that the driver of a commercial motor vehicle has committed in the presence of the inspector a violation of any provision of this chapter, or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto, that relates to the safety of a commercial motor vehicle, the size and weight of a commercial vehicle, the hours of service of a driver of a commercial motor vehicle or the criteria to issue an out-of-service order and that is subject to a civil or administrative penalty, may halt and detain the driver thereof as is reasonably necessary to investigate the alleged violation and issue a civil or administrative citation for the alleged violation, a notice of correction, or both, for the alleged violation.

2. An inspector of the Department of Public Safety shall not take any action in connection with the investigation or enforcement of any alleged violation of law that is punishable as a criminal offense, including, without limitation:

(a) Halting and detaining a person upon reasonable cause to believe that a violation of law that is punishable as a criminal offense has occurred;

(b) Conducting a search of a person or vehicle for evidence of a violation of law that is punishable as a criminal offense; or

(c) Arresting a person or issuing a citation for a violation of law that is a criminal offense.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2027.

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