Amendment No. 382

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of **green bold underlining** is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) red strikethrough is deleted language in the original bill; (4) purple double strikethrough is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) <u>orange double underlining</u> is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.

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A.B. No. 444-Revises provisions governing limousines. (BDR 58-1020)

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.

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.

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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 authorizes a transportation network company to charge a fare on behalf of a limousine motor carrier for limousine services provided pursuant to such a contract 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 5 applies certain excise taxes imposed on common motor carriers of passengers 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 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. **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 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.

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29 30 31 32 33 **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 34 identifying and communicating with the passenger.

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.

"Limousine motor carrier" means a motor carrier who has obtained Sec. 3. 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.

10 Sec. 4. "Limousine services" means the transportation in a limousine by a 11 limousine driver of one or more passengers between points chosen by the 12 passenger or passengers and prearranged through the use of the digital network 13 or software application service of a transportation network company. The term includes only the period beginning when a limousine driver accepts a request by 14 a passenger for transportation through the digital network or software application service of a transportation network company and ending when the 15 16 17 last such passenger fully disembarks from the limousine operated by the 18 limousine driver.

19 Sec. 5. 1. A transportation network company may enter into a contract with a limousine motor carrier whereby limousine drivers employed by the 20 limousine motor carrier may receive connections to potential passengers and 21 22 related services from a transportation network company in exchange for the 23 payment of a fee by the limousine motor carrier to the transportation network 24 company.

25 2. Notwithstanding any contract entered into pursuant to subsection 1, a limousine motor carrier shall not provide limousine services through a transportation network company unless the transportation network company 26 27 holds a valid permit issued by the Authority pursuant to this chapter. 28

29 3. A transportation network company shall terminate a contract entered 30 into pursuant to subsection 1 with a limousine motor carrier that ceases to hold a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a limousine which does 31 not restrict the number of limousines that the limousine motor carrier is authorized to operate. A transportation network company shall not provide 32 33 34 connections to potential passengers and related services pursuant to a contract 35 entered into pursuant to subsection 1 to the limousine drivers of a limousine 36 motor carrier during any period of time in which the certificate of public 37 convenience and necessity of the limousine motor carrier has been suspended.

4. A limousine motor carrier which enters into a contract pursuant to 38 39 subsection 1 remains subject to the provisions of chapter 706 of NRS, including 40 with respect to limousine services provided pursuant to a contract entered into 41 pursuant to subsection 1.

5. In accordance with the provisions of this chapter, a transportation 1 2 3 network company which holds a valid permit issued by the Authority pursuant to this chapter may, on behalf of a limousine motor carrier with which the transportation network company has entered into a contract pursuant to 4 5 subsection 1, charge a fare for limousine services provided to a passenger by a 6 limousine driver employed by the limousine motor carrier. 7

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

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

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

14 7. If a fare is charged, the transportation network company must offer to 15 each passenger the option to receive, before the passenger enters the limousine of 16 a limousine driver, an estimate of the amount of the fare that will be charged to 17 the passenger.

18 8. A transportation network company may accept payment of a fare only 19 electronically. A transportation network company or a limousine driver shall not 20 solicit or accept cash as payment of a fare for limousine services provided 21 pursuant to a contract entered into pursuant to subsection 1.

22 9. The fare charged for the transportation of a passenger by a limousine 23 driver pursuant to a contract entered into pursuant to subsection 1 is subject to 24 the excise tax imposed pursuant to NRS 372B.150 and exempt from the excise tax 25 imposed pursuant to NRS 372B.140. For each occasion where limousine services 26 are provided by a limousine driver pursuant to a contract entered into pursuant to 27 subsection 1, the transportation network company shall report to the limousine 28 motor carrier any information necessary to calculate the amount of the excise tax 29 due pursuant to NRS 372B.150. 30

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

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

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

706A.040 "Driver" [means]

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1. Means a natural person who:

[1.] (a) Operates a motor vehicle that is owned, leased or otherwise authorized for use by the person; and

39 (2) (b) Enters into an agreement with a transportation network company to 40 receive connections to potential passengers and related services from a 41 transportation network company in exchange for the payment of a fee to the 42 transportation network company. 43

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

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

46 706A.075 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the provisions of 47 this chapter do not exempt any person from any law governing the operation of a 48 motor vehicle upon the highways of this State.

49 2. A transportation network company which holds a valid permit issued by 50 the Authority pursuant to this chapter, a driver who has entered into an agreement 51 with such a company and a vehicle operated by such a driver are exempt from:

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

(b) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 706.88396 H and section 5 of this act, the provisions of chapter 706 of NRS,

 \rightarrow to the extent that the services provided by the company or driver are within the scope of the permit.

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

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

2. A driver shall not provide transportation services unless the company with 10 which the driver is affiliated holds a valid permit issued by the Authority pursuant to this chapter.

12 3. The Authority is authorized and empowered to regulate, pursuant to the 13 provisions of this chapter, all transportation network companies and drivers who operate or wish to operate within this State. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 14 15 706.88396 **And section 5 of this act**, the Authority shall not apply any provision 16 of chapter 706 of NRS to a transportation network company or a driver who 17 operates within the provisions of this chapter and the regulations adopted pursuant 18 thereto.

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36 37 Sec. 10. NRS 706A.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 706A.130 1. Upon receipt of a completed application and upon a determination by the Authority that an applicant meets the requirements for the 21 2.2 issuance of a permit to operate a transportation network company, the Authority 23 shall issue to the applicant within 30 days a permit to operate a transportation 24 network company in this State. 25

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

27 (a) Authorizes a transportation network company to connect one or more 28 passengers through the use of a digital network or software application service to a 29 driver who can provide transportation services.

(b) Authorizes a transportation network company to make its digital network or 30 31 software application service available to one or more drivers to receive connections 32 to potential passengers from the company in exchange for the payment of a fee by 33 the driver to the company. 34

(c) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 706.88396 H 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.

38 3. Nothing in this chapter prohibits the issuance of a permit to operate a 39 transportation network company to a person who is regulated pursuant to chapter 40 706 of NRS if the person submits an application pursuant to NRS 706A.120 and 41 meets the requirements for the issuance of a permit.

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

43 706A.160 1. A transportation network company may enter into an 44 agreement with one or more drivers to receive connections to potential passengers 45 from the company in exchange for the payment of a fee by the driver to the 46 company.

47 2. Before a transportation network company allows a person to be connected 48 to potential passengers using the digital network or software application service of 49 the company pursuant to an agreement with the company, except for a contract 50 entered into pursuant to section 5 of this act, the company must:

51 (a) Require the person to submit an application to the company, which must 52 include, without limitation: 53

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

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(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.

17 3. A transportation network company may enter into an agreement with a 18 driver if: 19

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

(b) The applicant possesses a valid driver's license issued by the Department of 20 21 Motor Vehicles unless the applicant is exempt from the requirement to obtain a 22 Nevada driver's license pursuant to NRS 483.240.

23 (c) The applicant provides proof that the motor vehicle operated by him or her 24 is registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles unless the applicant is exempt 25 from the requirement to register the motor vehicle in this State pursuant to NRS 26 482.385.

27 (d) The applicant provides proof that the motor vehicle operated by him or her 28 is operated and maintained in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local 29 laws. 30

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

32 (f) In the 3 years immediately preceding the date on which the application is 33 submitted, the applicant has not been found guilty of three or more violations of the 34 motor vehicle laws of this State or any traffic ordinance of any city or town, the 35 penalty prescribed for which is a misdemeanor.

(g) In the 3 years immediately preceding the date on which the application is 36 37 submitted, the applicant has not been found guilty of any violation of the motor 38 vehicle laws of this State or any traffic ordinance of any city or town, the penalty 39 prescribed for which is a gross misdemeanor or felony.

40 (h) In the 7 years immediately preceding the date on which the application is 41 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 42 43 while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance.

44 (i) In the 7 years immediately preceding the date on which the application is 45 submitted, the applicant has not been found guilty of any crime involving an act of 46 terrorism, an act of violence, a sexual offense, fraud, theft, damage to property of 47 another or the use of a motor vehicle in the commission of a felony.

48 (j) The name of the applicant does not appear in the database searched pursuant 49 to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 2.

50 4. A driver shall, not later than 6 months after a transportation network 51 company allows the driver to be connected to potential passengers using the digital 52 network or software application service of the company pursuant to an agreement 53 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 1 2 business license pursuant to chapter 76 of NRS. Such verification may consist of 3 the business identification number assigned by the Secretary of State to the driver 4 upon compliance with the provisions of chapter 76 of NRS. 5

5. A transportation network company shall terminate an agreement with any 6 driver who: 7

(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 12 13 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 14 15 every 3 years. 16

(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.

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

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

21 706A.200 For each instance in which a driver or limousine driver provides 2.2 transportation services or limousine services to a passenger, the transportation 23 network company which connected the passenger to the driver or limousine driver 24 shall provide to the passenger, before the passenger enters the motor vehicle of a 25 driver file or limousine of a limousine driver, a photograph of the driver or 26 *limousine driver* who will provide the transportation services or *limousine services* 27 and the license plate number of the motor vehicle operated by the driver \square or limousine operated by the limousine driver. The information required by this 28 29 section must be provided to the passenger:

1. On an Internet website maintained by the company: or

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2. Within the digital network or software application service of the company. Sec. 13. NRS 706A.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 33 706A.210 A transportation network company which connected a passenger to 34 a driver or limousine driver shall, within a reasonable period following the 35 provision of transportation services or *limousine services* by the driver or *limousine driver* to the passenger, transmit to the passenger an electronic receipt, 36 37 which must include, without limitation:

38 1. A description of the point of origin and the destination of the transportation 39 services **[;]** or limousine services;

40 2. The total time for which transportation services or *limousine services* were 41 provided; 42

3. The total distance traveled; and

4. An itemization of the fare, if any, charged for the transportation services [-] or limousine services.

Sec. 14. NRS 706A.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

46 706A.250 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a transportation 47 network company shall not disclose to any person the personally identifiable 48 information of a passenger who received services from the company unless: 49

(a) The disclosure is otherwise required by law;

50 (b) The company determines that disclosure is required to protect or defend the 51 terms of use of the services or to investigate violations of those terms of use; or 52

(c) The passenger consents to the disclosure.

2. A transportation network company may disclose to a driver or limousine *driver* the name and telephone number of a passenger for the purposes of facilitating correct identification of the passenger and facilitating communication between the driver or limousine driver and the passenger.

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

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

(a) Impose any tax or fee on a transportation network company operating within the scope of a valid permit issued by the Authority pursuant to this chapter, a driver or *limousine driver* who has entered into an agreement with such a company or a vehicle operated by such a driver or limousine driver or for transportation services provided by such a driver *H* or *limousine driver*.

13 (b) Require a transportation network company operating within the scope of a 14 valid permit issued by the Authority pursuant to this chapter to obtain from the 15 local government any certificate, license or permit to operate within that scope or 16 require a driver or limousine driver who has entered into an agreement with such a 17 company to obtain from the local government any certificate, license or permit to 18 provide transportation services. 19

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

2. Nothing in this section:

23 (a) Prohibits a local governmental entity from requiring a transportation network company, [or] driver or limousine driver to obtain from the local 24 25 government a business license or to pay any business license fee in the same 26 manner that is generally applicable to any other business that operates within the 27 jurisdiction of the local government.

28 (b) Prohibits an airport or its governing body from requiring a transportation 29 network company, [or] a driver or a limousine driver to: 30

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

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

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

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

35 The provisions of this chapter do not exempt any person from the 3. requirement to obtain a state business license issued pursuant to chapter 76 of NRS. 36 37 A transportation network company shall notify each driver and limousine driver of 38 the requirement to obtain a state business license issued pursuant to chapter 76 of 39 NRS and the penalties for failing to obtain a state business license.

Sec. 15. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 218D.430 and 218D.435, a 40 41 committee, other than the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means and 42 the Senate Standing Committee on Finance, may vote on this act before the 43 expiration of the period prescribed for the return of a fiscal note in NRS 218D.475. 44 This section applies retroactively from and after March 22, 2021.