

SENATE BILL NO. 483—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

(ON BEHALF OF THE DIVISION OF BUDGET AND PLANNING)

MARCH 28, 2011

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises certain provisions relating to the Department of Motor Vehicles. (BDR 43-1185)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: 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 the Department of Motor Vehicles; authorizing the Department to enter into certain agreements relating to advertising; authorizing the Director of the Department to release certain information to certain persons; transferring the authority to adopt specifications for motor vehicle fuel from the State Board of Agriculture to the Department; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Under existing law, it is unlawful for any person to erect any bulletin board or
2 other advertising device on the grounds of the State Capitol or on any other state
3 building or property. (NRS 331.200) **Section 1** of this bill authorizes the Director of
4 the Department of Motor Vehicles to enter into agreements for the placement of
5 advertising in areas of buildings owned or occupied by the Department. Any money
6 collected by the Department from such advertising must be deposited in the Motor
7 Vehicle Fund and used to offset the costs of communicating with the public.
8 **Section 3.5** of this bill requires the Department to make certain reports to the
9 Interim Finance Committee concerning such agreements.

10 Existing law prohibits the Director from disclosing certain information,
11 including personally identifiable information, except to certain persons. **Section 1.5**
12 of this bill authorizes the Director to disclose certain information to a person who,
13 pursuant to a contract with the Department, requests such information for the
14 purpose of an advisory notice relating to a motor vehicle or the recall of a motor
15 vehicle or for providing information concerning the history of a vehicle.

16 Existing law requires the State Board of Agriculture to adopt specifications for
17 motor vehicle fuel and to enforce such specifications. (NRS 590.070, 590.071)
18 **Sections 2.3 and 2.5** of this bill transfer this authority to the Department of Motor
19 Vehicles. **Section 3.3** of this bill provides that the Department may enforce any



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20 regulations adopted by the Board concerning specifications for motor vehicle fuel
21 until the Department adopts new regulations to repeal or replace the regulations
22 adopted by the Board.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 481 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 1. *The Director may enter into an agreement with a person*
4 *for the placement of advertisements in areas of buildings owned or*
5 *occupied by the Department that are frequented by the public.*

6 2. *A person who enters into an agreement with the Director*
7 *pursuant to subsection 1 shall ensure that each advertisement*
8 *placed pursuant to the agreement does not inhibit or disrupt the*
9 *functioning of the Department.*

10 3. *Any money collected by the Department from an*
11 *agreement entered into pursuant to subsection 1 must be:*

12 (a) *Deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Motor*
13 *Vehicle Fund; and*

14 (b) *Used to offset the costs of communicating with the public.*

15 4. *The Director may adopt regulations to carry out the*
16 *provisions of this section.*

17 **Sec. 1.5.** NRS 481.063 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 481.063 1. The Director may charge and collect reasonable
19 fees for official publications of the Department and from persons
20 making use of files and records of the Department or its various
21 divisions for a private purpose. All money so collected must be
22 deposited in the State Treasury for credit to the Motor Vehicle Fund.

23 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~5~~ 6, the
24 Director may release personal information, except a photograph,
25 from a file or record relating to the driver's license, identification
26 card, or title or registration of a vehicle of a person if the requester
27 submits a written release from the person who holds a lien on the
28 vehicle, or an agent of that person, or the person about whom the
29 information is requested which is dated not more than 90 days
30 before the date of the request. The written release must be in a form
31 required by the Director.

32 3. Except as otherwise provided in ~~subsection 2~~ subsections
33 **2 and 4**, the Director shall not release to any person who is not a
34 representative of the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of
35 the Department of Health and Human Services or an officer,
36 employee or agent of a law enforcement agency, an agent of the
37 public defender's office or an agency of a local government which
38 collects fines imposed for parking violations, who is not conducting



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1 an investigation pursuant to NRS 253.0415 or 253.220, who is not
2 authorized to transact insurance pursuant to chapter 680A of NRS or
3 who is not licensed as a private investigator pursuant to chapter 648
4 of NRS and conducting an investigation of an insurance claim:

5 (a) A list which includes license plate numbers combined with
6 any other information in the records or files of the Department;

7 (b) The social security number of any person, if it is requested to
8 facilitate the solicitation of that person to purchase a product or
9 service; or

10 (c) The name, address, telephone number or any other
11 personally identifiable information if the information is requested by
12 the presentation of a license plate number.

13 ➤ When such personally identifiable information is requested of a
14 law enforcement agency by the presentation of a license plate
15 number, the law enforcement agency shall conduct an investigation
16 regarding the person about whom information is being requested or,
17 as soon as practicable, provide the requester with the requested
18 information if the requester officially reports that the motor vehicle
19 bearing that license plate was used in a violation of NRS 205.240,
20 205.345, 205.380 or 205.445.

21 4. *If a person is authorized to obtain such information*
22 *pursuant to a contract entered into with the Department and if*
23 *such information is requested for the purpose of an advisory*
24 *notice relating to a motor vehicle or the recall of a motor vehicle*
25 *or for the purpose of providing information concerning the history*
26 *of a vehicle, the Director may release:*

27 (a) *A list which includes license plate numbers combined with*
28 *any other information in the records or files of the Department; or*

29 (b) *The name, address, telephone number or any other*
30 *personally identifiable information if the information is requested*
31 *by the presentation of a license plate number.*

32 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2, 4 and ~~5~~ 6
33 and NRS 483.294, 483.855 and 483.937, the Director shall not
34 release any personal information from a file or record relating to a
35 driver's license, identification card, or title or registration of a
36 vehicle.

37 ~~5~~ 6. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a) and
38 subsection ~~6~~ 7, if a person or governmental entity provides a
39 description of the information requested and its proposed use and
40 signs an affidavit to that effect, the Director may release any
41 personal information, except a photograph, from a file or record
42 relating to a driver's license, identification card, or title or
43 registration of a vehicle for use:

44 (a) By any governmental entity, including, but not limited to,
45 any court or law enforcement agency, in carrying out its functions,



1 or any person acting on behalf of a federal, state or local
2 governmental agency in carrying out its functions. The personal
3 information may include a photograph from a file or record relating
4 to a driver's license, identification card, or title or registration of a
5 vehicle.

6 (b) In connection with any civil, criminal, administrative or
7 arbitration proceeding before any federal or state court, regulatory
8 body, board, commission or agency, including, but not limited to,
9 use for service of process, investigation in anticipation of litigation,
10 and execution or enforcement of judgments and orders, or pursuant
11 to an order of a federal or state court.

12 (c) In connection with matters relating to:

- 13 (1) The safety of drivers of motor vehicles;
- 14 (2) Safety and thefts of motor vehicles;
- 15 (3) Emissions from motor vehicles;
- 16 (4) Alterations of products related to motor vehicles;
- 17 (5) An advisory notice relating to a motor vehicle or the
18 recall of a motor vehicle;
- 19 (6) Monitoring the performance of motor vehicles;
- 20 (7) Parts or accessories of motor vehicles;
- 21 (8) Dealers of motor vehicles; or
- 22 (9) Removal of nonowner records from the original records
23 of motor vehicle manufacturers.

24 (d) By any insurer, self-insurer or organization that provides
25 assistance or support to an insurer or self-insurer or its agents,
26 employees or contractors, in connection with activities relating to
27 the rating, underwriting or investigation of claims or the prevention
28 of fraud.

29 (e) In providing notice to the owners of vehicles that have been
30 towed, repossessed or impounded.

31 (f) By an employer or its agent or insurer to obtain or verify
32 information relating to a holder of a commercial driver's license
33 who is employed by or has applied for employment with the
34 employer.

35 (g) By a private investigator, private patrol officer or security
36 consultant who is licensed pursuant to chapter 648 of NRS, for any
37 use permitted pursuant to this section.

38 (h) By a reporter or editorial employee who is employed by or
39 affiliated with any newspaper, press association or commercially
40 operated, federally licensed radio or television station for a
41 journalistic purpose. The Department may not make any inquiries
42 regarding the use of or reason for the information requested other
43 than whether the information will be used for a journalistic purpose.

44 (i) In connection with an investigation conducted pursuant to
45 NRS 253.0415 or 253.220.



1 (j) In activities relating to research and the production of
2 statistical reports, if the personal information will not be published
3 or otherwise redisclosed, or used to contact any person.

4 (k) In the bulk distribution of surveys, marketing material or
5 solicitations, if the Director has adopted policies and procedures to
6 ensure that:

7 (1) The information will be used or sold only for use in the
8 bulk distribution of surveys, marketing material or solicitations;

9 (2) Each person about whom the information is requested has
10 clearly been provided with an opportunity to authorize such a use;
11 and

12 (3) If the person about whom the information is requested
13 does not authorize such a use, the bulk distribution will not be
14 directed toward that person.

15 ~~6.7~~ 7. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (j) of
16 subsection ~~5.7~~ 6, a person who requests and receives personal
17 information may sell or disclose that information only for a use
18 permitted pursuant to subsection ~~5.7~~ 6. Such a person shall keep and
19 maintain for 5 years a record of:

20 (a) Each person to whom the information is provided; and

21 (b) The purpose for which that person will use the information.

22 ➔ The record must be made available for examination by the
23 Department at all reasonable times upon request.

24 ~~7.7~~ 8. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the
25 Director may deny any use of the files and records if the Director
26 reasonably believes that the information taken may be used for an
27 unwarranted invasion of a particular person's privacy.

28 ~~8.7~~ 9. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 485.316, the
29 Director shall not allow any person to make use of information
30 retrieved from the system created pursuant to NRS 485.313 for a
31 private purpose and shall not in any other way release any
32 information retrieved from that system.

33 ~~9.7~~ 10. The Director shall adopt such regulations as the
34 Director deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.
35 In addition, the Director shall, by regulation, establish a procedure
36 whereby a person who is requesting personal information may
37 establish an account with the Department to facilitate the person's
38 ability to request information electronically or by written request if
39 the person has submitted to the Department proof of employment or
40 licensure, as applicable, and a signed and notarized affidavit
41 acknowledging that the person:

42 (a) Has read and fully understands the current laws and
43 regulations regarding the manner in which information from the
44 Department's files and records may be obtained and the limited uses
45 which are permitted;



1 (b) Understands that any sale or disclosure of information so
2 obtained must be in accordance with the provisions of this section;

3 (c) Understands that a record will be maintained by the
4 Department of any information he or she requests; and

5 (d) Understands that a violation of the provisions of this section
6 is a criminal offense.

7 ~~§10.~~ **11.** It is unlawful for any person to:

8 (a) Make a false representation to obtain any information from
9 the files or records of the Department.

10 (b) Knowingly obtain or disclose any information from the files
11 or records of the Department for any use not permitted by the
12 provisions of this chapter.

13 ~~§11.~~ **12.** As used in this section, "personal information"
14 means information that reveals the identity of a person, including,
15 without limitation, his or her photograph, social security number,
16 driver's license number, identification card number, name, address,
17 telephone number or information regarding a medical condition or
18 disability. The term does not include the zip code of a person when
19 separate from his or her full address, information regarding
20 vehicular accidents or driving violations in which he or she has been
21 involved or other information otherwise affecting his or her status as a
22 driver.

23 **Sec. 2.** NRS 331.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 331.200 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to commit any
25 of the following acts upon the grounds of the State Capitol or of any
26 other state building or property:

27 (a) Willfully deface, break down or destroy any fence upon or
28 surrounding such grounds;

29 (b) ~~Erect~~ **Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act,**
30 **erect** any bulletin board or other advertising device in or upon such
31 grounds;

32 (c) Deposit any garbage, debris or other obstruction in or upon
33 such grounds;

34 (d) Injure, break down or destroy any tree, shrub or other thing
35 upon such grounds; or

36 (e) Injure the grass upon such grounds by walking upon it.

37 2. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section
38 shall be guilty of a public offense, as prescribed in NRS 193.155,
39 proportionate to the value of the property damaged or destroyed, and
40 in no event less than a misdemeanor.

41 **Sec. 2.3.** NRS 590.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 590.070 1. The ~~State Board of Agriculture~~ **Department of**
43 **Motor Vehicles** shall adopt by regulation specifications for motor
44 vehicle fuel:



1 (a) Based upon scientific evidence which demonstrates that any
2 motor vehicle fuel which is produced in accordance with the
3 specifications is of sufficient quality to ensure appropriate
4 performance when used in a motor vehicle in this State; or

5 (b) Proposed by an air pollution control agency to attain or
6 maintain national ambient air quality standards in any area of this
7 State. As used in this paragraph, "air pollution control agency"
8 means any federal air pollution control agency or any state, regional
9 or local agency that has the authority pursuant to chapter 445B of
10 NRS to regulate or control air pollution or air quality in any area of
11 this State.

12 2. The ~~State Board of Agriculture~~ *Department of Motor*
13 *Vehicles* shall adopt by regulation procedures for allowing variances
14 from the specifications for motor vehicle fuel adopted pursuant to
15 this section.

16 3. It is unlawful for any person, or any officer, agent or
17 employee thereof, to sell, offer for sale, assist in the sale of, deliver
18 or permit to be sold or offered for sale, any petroleum or petroleum
19 product as, or purporting to be, motor vehicle fuel, unless it
20 conforms with the regulations adopted by the ~~State Board of~~
21 *Agriculture* *Department of Motor Vehicles* pursuant to this section.

22 4. This section does not apply to aviation fuel.

23 5. In addition to any criminal penalty that is imposed pursuant
24 to the provisions of NRS 590.150, any person who violates any
25 provision of this section may be further punished as provided in
26 NRS 590.071.

27 **Sec. 2.5.** NRS 590.071 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 590.071 1. The ~~State Board of Agriculture~~ *Department of*
29 *Motor Vehicles* shall:

30 (a) Enforce the specifications for motor vehicle fuel adopted by
31 regulation pursuant to NRS 590.070.

32 (b) Adopt regulations specifying a schedule of fines that it may
33 impose, upon notice and hearing, for each violation of the
34 provisions of NRS 590.070. The maximum fine that may be
35 imposed by the ~~Board~~ *Department of Motor Vehicles* for each
36 violation must not exceed \$5,000 per day. All fines collected by the
37 ~~Board~~ *Department of Motor Vehicles* pursuant to the regulations
38 adopted pursuant to this subsection must be deposited with the State
39 Treasurer for credit to the State General Fund.

40 2. The ~~State Board of Agriculture~~ *Department of Motor*
41 *Vehicles* may:

42 (a) In addition to imposing a fine pursuant to subsection 1, issue
43 an order requiring a violator to take appropriate action to correct the
44 violation.



1 (b) Request the district attorney of the appropriate county to
2 investigate or file a criminal complaint against any person that the
3 ~~[Board]~~ *Department of Motor Vehicles* suspects may have violated
4 any provision of NRS 590.070.

5 **Sec. 2.7.** NRS 590.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 590.100 ~~[The]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 590.070*
7 *and 590.071, the* State Sealer of Weights and Measures is charged
8 with the proper enforcement of NRS 590.010 to 590.150, inclusive,
9 and has the following powers and duties:

10 1. The State Sealer of Weights and Measures may publish
11 reports relating to petroleum products and motor vehicle fuel in such
12 form and at such times as he or she deems necessary.

13 2. The State Sealer of Weights and Measures, or the appointees
14 thereof, shall inspect and check the accuracy of all measuring
15 devices for petroleum products and motor vehicle fuel maintained in
16 this State, and shall seal all such devices whose tolerances are found
17 to be within those prescribed by the National Institute of Standards
18 and Technology.

19 3. The State Sealer of Weights and Measures, or the appointees
20 thereof, or any member of the Nevada Highway Patrol, may take
21 such samples as he or she deems necessary of any petroleum
22 product or motor vehicle fuel that is kept, transported or stored
23 within the State of Nevada. It is unlawful for any person, or any
24 officer, agent or employee thereof, to refuse to permit the State
25 Sealer of Weights and Measures, or the appointees thereof, or any
26 member of the Nevada Highway Patrol, in the State of Nevada, to
27 take such samples, or to prevent or to attempt to prevent the State
28 Sealer of Weights and Measures, or the appointees thereof, or any
29 member of the Nevada Highway Patrol, from taking them. If the
30 person, or any officer, agent or employee thereof, from which a
31 sample is taken at the time of taking demands payment, then the
32 person taking the sample shall pay the reasonable market price for
33 the quantity taken.

34 4. The State Sealer of Weights and Measures, or the appointees
35 thereof, may close and seal the outlets of any unlabeled or
36 mislabeled containers, pumps, dispensers or storage tanks connected
37 thereto or which contain any petroleum product or motor vehicle
38 fuel which, if sold, would violate any of the provisions of NRS
39 590.010 to 590.150, inclusive, and shall post, in a conspicuous place
40 on the premises where those containers, pumps, dispensers or
41 storage tanks have been sealed, a notice stating that the action of
42 sealing has been taken in accordance with the provisions of NRS
43 590.010 to 590.150, inclusive, and giving warning that it is unlawful
44 to break, mutilate or destroy the seal or seals thereof under penalty
45 as provided in NRS 590.110.



1 5. The State Sealer of Weights and Measures, or the appointees
2 thereof, shall, upon at least 24 hours' notice to the owner, manager,
3 operator or attendant of the premises where a container, pump,
4 dispenser or storage tank has been sealed, and at the time specified
5 in the notice, break the seal for the purpose of permitting the
6 removal of the contents of the container, pump, dispenser or storage
7 tank. If the contents are not immediately and completely removed,
8 the container, pump, dispenser or storage tank must be again sealed.

9 6. The State Sealer of Weights and Measures shall adopt
10 regulations which are necessary for the enforcement of NRS
11 590.010 to 590.150, inclusive, including standard procedures for
12 testing petroleum products or motor vehicle fuel which are based on
13 sources such as those approved by ASTM International, and may
14 adopt specifications for any fuel for use in internal combustion
15 engines which is sold or offered for sale and contains any alcohol or
16 other combustible chemical that is not a petroleum product or motor
17 vehicle fuel.

18 **Sec. 3.** The amendatory provisions of sections 1 and 2 of this
19 act that concern property occupied by the Department of Motor
20 Vehicles apply only with respect to such property for which:

21 1. The Department entered into a lease on or after the effective
22 date of those sections; or

23 2. The Department entered into a lease before the effective date
24 of those sections that did not prohibit the Department from receiving
25 payment for advertising upon such property.

26 **Sec. 3.3.** Any regulations adopted by the State Board of
27 Agriculture pursuant to NRS 590.070 or 590.071 remain in effect
28 and may be enforced by the Department of Motor Vehicles until the
29 Department adopts regulations to repeal or replace those regulations.

30 **Sec. 3.5.** The Department of Motor Vehicles shall:

31 1. On or before February 1, 2012, submit a report to the
32 Interim Finance Committee summarizing any agreement entered
33 into pursuant to section 1 of this act. The report must include,
34 without limitation, the terms of the agreement, a list of buildings
35 owned or occupied by the Department in which advertising is placed
36 and a description of the types of advertising placed pursuant to the
37 agreement.

38 2. On or before August 1, 2012, submit an update to the report
39 required by subsection 1 and a report which must include, without
40 limitation, information concerning the manner in which any money
41 collected by the Department pursuant to any agreement entered into
42 pursuant to section 1 of this act has been expended during the 2011-
43 2013 biennium and the manner in which the Department plans to
44 use such money during the 2013-2015 biennium.



- 1 **Sec. 4.** 1. This section and sections 1 and 2 to 3.5, inclusive,
2 of this act become effective upon passage and approval.
3 2. Section 1.5 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.

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