



NMTA 511

Legislative Update February 26 – March 2, 2007

Truck Left Lane Prohibition

A.B. 118, sponsored by Assemblyman Mo Denis (D-Las Vegas), would prohibit a vehicle over 26,000 lbs to travel in the left-hand lane on a road with 3 or more lanes going in each direction, and charge anyone in violation law with a misdemeanor. During testimony on the bill Assemblyman Denis submitted an amendment with gives the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) the authority to place advisory signage on which lanes a truck can travel in. NMTA opposed the mandate contained in the original bill, but had no opposition to the amendment since NDOT already has that authority.



Piggy-backs



S.B. 39, which would increase the length of a piggy-back from 77 feet to 97 feet, was also heard in the Assembly Committee on Transportation. This bill has already passed unanimously out of the Senate. An example of the configuration is illustrated in the picture .

Staggered Registration Clears First Hurdle

During a work session the Assembly Transportation Committee unanimously passed A.B. 5, sponsored by Assemblyman Joe Hardy (R-Boulder City).



Currently all carriers must re-new their registrations on January 1st. These bills would allow the Department of Motor Vehicles to set regulations allowing 100% Nevada based carriers to register on either March 31st or September 30th. This is a win-win situation for both the DMV and the affected trucking companies, as it spreads out the burden on the Department of Motor Vehicles throughout the year, and allows trucking companies to better manage their cash flow. As we've stated before, this is the fourth time that this measure has been brought before the Legislature. We are optimistic that we will be able to get this legislation passed in 2007.

Primary Seat belt Law

S.B. 42, which would make the wearing a seat belt in Nevada a primary was heard in the Senate Transportation Committee. Senator Mark Amodei (R-Carson City) grilled the insurance companies on whether or not passage of the measure would result in lower insurance rates. The primary seat belt law has been endorsed by the American Trucking Associations. No action was taken on the measure.



Idling

[A.B. 173](#), sponsored by Assemblyman Joe Hogan (D-Las Vegas), which would change existing regulations established by the State Environmental Commission prohibit a person from idling the engine of a diesel truck or bus for longer than 15 consecutive minutes except in certain circumstances to prohibit a person from idling the engine of a heavy-duty motor vehicle powered by diesel fuel or a bus for more than 5 consecutive minutes, or more than 15 minutes total, during a period of an hour. A person who violates the prohibition against idling is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to an administrative fine. **The N.M.T.A. strongly opposes this legislation since the remedy contained in the bill results in more energy being used and more emissions being released into the air.**



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