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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 12—COMMITTEE  
ON GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 18, 2020

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Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the Department of Transportation. (BDR 35-345)

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.

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AN ACT relating to transportation; revising the qualifications for a Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation; moving the position of Chief Engineer of the Department from the classified service to the unclassified service of the State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law creates the Department of Transportation, which is administered  
2 by a seven-member Board of Directors and has various powers and duties relating  
3 to the construction, improvement and maintenance of the highways in this State.  
4 (Chapter 408 of NRS) Under existing law, the Department consists of a Director,  
5 three Deputy Directors, a Chief Engineer and certain Divisions, which are headed  
6 by assistant directors. (NRS 408.111) In addition to certain educational  
7 requirements, existing law requires that a Deputy Director have: (1) at least 2 years  
8 of administrative experience as the assistant director, the Chief Engineer or the  
9 head of the Engineering or Planning Division of the Department; or (2) equivalent  
10 experience. (NRS 408.178) This bill: (1) clarifies that the positions to which the  
11 minimum qualification of 2 years of administrative experience apply are any  
12 assistant director of the Department or the Chief Engineer; and (2) changes the  
13 alternative experience qualification to a minimum of 15 years of progressively  
14 responsible experience in engineering or project management. This bill also moves  
15 the position of Chief Engineer in existing law from the classified service to the  
16 unclassified service of the State. (NRS 408.178)

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

1       **Section 1.** NRS 408.178 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2       408.178 1. Each Deputy Director:

3       (a) Is in the unclassified service of the State.

4       (b) Must hold a master's degree in public or business  
5 administration, hold the degree of bachelor of science in civil,  
6 structural, mechanical or industrial engineering, or be a licensed  
7 professional engineer.

8       (c) Must have at least ~~[2]~~:

9           (1) *Two* years of administrative experience as ~~[the]~~ *an*  
10 assistant director ~~[.]~~ *or* the Chief Engineer ; or ~~[the head of the~~  
11 ~~Engineering or Planning Division of the Department, or have~~  
12 ~~equivalent]~~

13           (2) *Fifteen years of progressively responsible* experience ~~[.]~~  
14 *in engineering or project management.*

15       2. The Chief Engineer:

16       (a) Is in the ~~[classified]~~ *unclassified* service of the State.

17       (b) Must be a licensed professional engineer.

18       (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, must have at  
19 least 3 years of experience as the final engineering authority for a  
20 state's agency which has duties similar to those of the Department.

21       3. If the Director or the Deputy Director appointed pursuant to  
22 paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 408.175 is a licensed  
23 professional engineer, he or she may also act as the Department's  
24 Chief Engineer.

25       **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

