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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 41—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 governing the operation of certain vehicles. (BDR 43-346)

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.

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AN ACT relating to vehicles; revising provisions governing the application and issuance of certain permits by the Department of Transportation for the operation of certain vehicles; authorizing the Department to grant a waiver from the maximum width of oversized manufactured or mobile homes or similar structures; revising provisions governing the measurement of the height, length and width of certain vehicles carrying loads; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Under existing law, the maximum permissible height of a vehicle operating on  
2 any highway in this State is 14 feet measured from the surface on which the vehicle  
3 stands, except the maximum permissible height of a vehicle carrying a load of  
4 baled hay is 15 feet. (NRS 484D.605) **Section 1** of this bill clarifies that the  
5 maximum permissible height of a vehicle carrying a load of baled hay is measured  
6 from the surface on which the vehicle stands.

7 Existing law authorizes the Department of Transportation to issue a permit,  
8 upon application in writing, for an applicant to: (1) operate or move a vehicle,  
9 combination of vehicles, special mobile equipment or load thereon of a size or  
10 weight exceeding the legal maximum, use corrugations on a traction engine or  
11 tractor, or operate or move a vehicle otherwise prohibited by law; (2) move an  
12 oversized manufactured or mobile home or similar structure; or (3) operate or move  
13 a vehicle with an oversized load. (NRS 484D.685, 484D.715, 484D.720, 484D.725)  
14 **Sections 2-5** of this bill remove the requirement that an application for such a  
15 permit be made in writing. **Sections 3 and 4** of this bill remove the requirement  
16 under existing law that a permit to move an oversized manufactured or mobile



17 home or similar structure be issued by the Department in writing. (NRS 484D.715,  
18 484D.720)

19 Under existing law, a special or multiple trip-limited time permit to move a  
20 manufactured or mobile home or similar vehicle or structure may be issued for a  
21 vehicle or structure in excess of 120 inches in width but not more than 192 inches  
22 in width. (NRS 484D.720) **Section 4** authorizes an applicant for such a permit to  
23 request a waiver from the Department from the maximum of 192 inches in width.

24 Existing law provides for the issuance of a permit for an oversized load to  
25 operate or move a vehicle that exceeds a certain height, length or width. (NRS  
26 484D.725) **Section 5** of this bill provides that for the purposes of the issuance of  
27 such a permit: (1) the measurement of height is from the surface on which the  
28 vehicle stands; (2) the measurement of length is from the front bumper or front  
29 overhang to the rear bumper or rear overhang, whichever is longer; and (3) the  
30 measurement of width is from the widest point on each side.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 484D.605 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 484D.605 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2, 3  
4 and 4, a vehicle must not be operated on any highway of this State if  
5 its height, including any load, exceeds 14 feet measured from the  
6 surface on which the vehicle stands.

7 2. The maximum permissible height of a load of baled hay is  
8 15 feet ~~±~~ *measured from the surface on which the vehicle*  
9 *carrying the load stands.*

10 3. The Department of Transportation shall issue a continuing  
11 permit, upon application, to the operator of a vehicle whose height  
12 without load exceeds the limit imposed by subsection 1 if the  
13 vehicle was registered and in operation on the highways of this State  
14 on April 15, 1973. Any such permit must provide only for the  
15 operation of the vehicle over those portions of the highways of this  
16 State over which it was customarily operated on April 15, 1973, and  
17 until it is replaced by another vehicle.

18 4. It is unlawful to operate a vehicle governed by any of the  
19 provisions of subsection 1, 2 or 3 over any portion of a highway  
20 where the free clearance of any structure or encroachment is less  
21 than the actual height of the vehicle and load.

22 **Sec. 2.** NRS 484D.685 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 484D.685 1. As used in this section and NRS 484D.700,  
24 “special mobile equipment” means a vehicle, not self-propelled, not  
25 designed or used primarily for the transportation of persons or  
26 property, and only incidentally operated or moved over a highway,  
27 excepting implements of husbandry.

28 2. The Department of Transportation with respect to highways  
29 under its jurisdiction and governing bodies of cities and counties



1 with respect to roads under their jurisdiction may, upon application ,  
2 ~~[in writing.]~~ authorize the applicant to operate or move a vehicle,  
3 combination of vehicles, special mobile equipment, or load thereon  
4 of a size or weight exceeding the legal maximum, or to use  
5 corrugations on the periphery of the movable tracks on a traction  
6 engine or tractor, the propulsive power of which is not exerted  
7 through wheels resting on the roadway but by means of a flexible  
8 band or chain, or, under emergency conditions, to operate or move a  
9 type of vehicle otherwise prohibited by law, upon any highway  
10 under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation or  
11 governing body granting that permit.

12 3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 484D.690 to  
13 484D.725, inclusive, the legal maximum width of any vehicle,  
14 combination of vehicles, special mobile equipment or load thereon  
15 is 102 inches.

16 4. If a vehicle is equipped with pneumatic tires, the maximum  
17 width from the outside of one wheel and tire to the outside of the  
18 opposite outer wheel and tire must not exceed 108 inches, and the  
19 outside width of the body of the vehicle or the load thereon must not  
20 exceed 102 inches.

21 5. Lights or devices which must be mounted upon a vehicle  
22 under this chapter may extend beyond the permissible width of the  
23 vehicle to a distance not exceeding 10 inches on each side of the  
24 vehicle, but the maximum width must not exceed 126 inches.

25 6. Door handles, hinges, cable cinchers and chain binders may  
26 extend 3 inches on each side, but the maximum width of body and  
27 door handles, hinges, cable cinchers or chain binders must not  
28 exceed 108 inches.

29 7. A person shall not operate a passenger vehicle on any  
30 highway with any load carried thereon extending beyond the line of  
31 the hubcaps on its left side or more than 6 inches beyond the line of  
32 the hubcaps on its right side.

33 **Sec. 3.** NRS 484D.715 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 484D.715 1. The Department of Transportation may, upon  
35 application , ~~[in writing.]~~ if good cause appears, issue a special or  
36 multiple trip-limited time permit ~~[in writing]~~ authorizing the  
37 applicant to move a manufactured or mobile home, or any other  
38 similar type of vehicle or structure, in excess of the maximum  
39 width, but not exceeding, except as otherwise provided in NRS  
40 484D.720, 120 inches exclusive of appendages which must not  
41 extend beyond 3 inches on either side. The Department of  
42 Transportation may establish seasonal or other limitations on the  
43 time within which the home, vehicle or structure may be moved on  
44 the highways indicated, and may require an undertaking or other  
45 security as may be considered necessary to protect the highways and



1 bridges from injury or to provide indemnity for any injury resulting  
2 from the operation. Permits for the movement of homes, vehicles or  
3 structures as provided for in this section may be issued only to  
4 licensed manufacturers, dealers, owners and transporters and may be  
5 issued only under the following conditions:

6 (a) The power unit used to tow an overwidth home, vehicle or  
7 structure having a gross weight of 18,000 pounds or less must be a  
8 three-quarter-ton truck or tractor, or a truck or tractor of greater  
9 power equipped with dual wheels.

10 (b) The power unit used to tow an overwidth home, vehicle or  
11 structure having a gross weight in excess of 18,000 pounds must be  
12 a one-and-one-half-ton, or larger, truck or tractor equipped with dual  
13 wheels.

14 (c) The mobile home for which the permit is issued must  
15 comply with the provisions of NRS 484D.635 relating to maximum  
16 weight on axles.

17 (d) The insurer must furnish evidence of insurance verifying  
18 coverage of the overwidth home, vehicle or structure in the amount  
19 of \$100,000 because of bodily injury to or death of one person in  
20 any one crash, in the amount of \$300,000 because of bodily injury  
21 to or death of two or more persons in any one crash and in the  
22 amount of \$50,000 because of injury to or destruction of property of  
23 others in any one crash.

24 2. A permit which has been issued for the movement of a  
25 manufactured or mobile home, or a similar type of vehicle or  
26 structure, is not valid between sunset and sunrise. The Director of  
27 the Department of Transportation may establish additional  
28 reasonable regulations, consistent with this section, including  
29 regulations concerning the movement of such a home, vehicle or  
30 structure on a Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday, as the Director  
31 considers necessary in the interest of public safety.

32 **Sec. 4.** NRS 484D.720 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 484D.720 1. ~~[The]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in this*  
34 *subsection, the* Department of Transportation may, upon application  
35 ~~, [in-writing,]~~ if good cause appears, issue a special or multiple trip-  
36 limited time permit ~~[in-writing]~~ authorizing the applicant to move a  
37 manufactured or mobile home, or any other similar type of vehicle  
38 or structure, in excess of 120 inches in width but not exceeding 192  
39 inches in width, including any appendages and roof eaves. *Upon*  
40 *request of the applicant, the Department of Transportation may*  
41 *grant a waiver from the maximum width of 192 inches, subject to*  
42 *any conditions prescribed by the Department of Transportation.*

43 2. The movement of a manufactured or mobile home, or a  
44 similar type of vehicle or structure, pursuant to subsection 1 is, in



1 addition to the conditions and requirements of NRS 484D.715,  
2 subject to the following requirements and conditions:

3 (a) "Wide-load" signs and red flags must be on the front of the  
4 towing vehicle and on the rear of the home, vehicle or structure.

5 (b) The towing vehicle must be a one-and-one-half-ton or larger  
6 truck or tractor equipped with dual wheels.

7 (c) The applicant must present evidence satisfactory to the  
8 Department that the applicant is financially responsible and has  
9 complied or is able to comply with the equipment requirements.

10 (d) As an additional warning to approaching traffic, the towing  
11 vehicle must be operated with the headlights turned on low beam.

12 (e) The driver of the towing vehicle shall do everything possible  
13 to prevent the congestion or slowing down of traffic in either  
14 direction because of the overwidth home, vehicle or structure and  
15 shall, if necessary to maintain the normal flow of traffic, drive the  
16 towing vehicle and the home, vehicle or structure off the pavement  
17 where safe to do so, in order that traffic may pass.

18 (f) When two or more homes, vehicles or structures in excess of  
19 120 inches in width are moved over the same highway in the same  
20 direction, the drivers of the towing vehicles shall maintain a distance  
21 of at least 1,000 feet between vehicles.

22 3. The Department of Transportation shall:

23 (a) Designate the highways over which manufactured or mobile  
24 homes, or other similar types of vehicles or structures, in excess of  
25 120 inches in width may be moved, and may require a pilot car to  
26 precede or follow the load.

27 (b) Prescribe, by regulation, standards for moving homes,  
28 vehicles or structures, in excess of 120 inches in width, including  
29 the times and days when such moving is permitted, and additional  
30 safety precautions to be taken.



31 4. The regulations adopted pursuant to paragraph (b) of  
32 subsection 3 may establish different standards that are applicable  
33 only to the moving of a manufactured or mobile home, or other  
34 similar types of vehicle or structure, that is in excess of 168 inches,  
35 excluding any appendages and roof eaves, but does not exceed 192  
36 inches in width, including any appendages and roof eaves.

37 **Sec. 5.** NRS 484D.725 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 484D.725 Upon receipt of the necessary application, ~~the~~  
39 ~~writing,~~ the Department of Transportation shall issue a permit to  
40 operate or move a vehicle on the highways of this State which has a  
41 load that:

42 1. Exceeds 14 feet in height ~~the~~ *measured from the surface on*  
43 *which the vehicle stands;*



- 1        2. Exceeds 70 feet in length  *measured from the front*  
2 *bumper or front overhang to the rear bumper or rear overhang,*  
3 *whichever is longer;* or  
4        3. Exceeds 102 inches in width  *measured at the widest*  
5 *points on each side,*  
6        ↪ unless the Department of Transportation determines that the  
7 operation of the vehicle would be a safety hazard or impede the flow  
8 of traffic.  
9        **Sec. 6.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.





