

SENATE BILL NO. 259—SENATOR DENIS

MARCH 16, 2021

Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to tow cars.
(BDR 58-179)

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.

AN ACT relating to tow cars; requiring the Nevada Transportation Authority to provide certain training; requiring certain employees of the Authority and owners and operators of tow cars to attend such training; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law, with certain exceptions, requires an operator of a tow car to
2 obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Nevada
3 Transportation Authority before the operator provides certain services. Existing law
4 also requires an operator of a tow car to comply with the provisions and regulations
5 governing motor carriers. (NRS 706.4463) Under existing law, the Authority is
6 required to: (1) employ compliance enforcement officers to perform enforcement
7 activities for the Authority; and (2) adopt regulations setting forth the training
8 required to be completed by such officers. (NRS 706.176, 706.178) **Section 1** of
9 this bill requires the Authority to provide training each year on any provision or
10 regulation governing the regulation and licensing of motor carriers that was added,
11 revised or adopted in the immediately preceding year. **Section 1** authorizes the
12 Authority not to provide such training in any year if no such provisions were added
13 or revised or regulations were adopted in the immediately preceding year. **Section 1**
14 requires a compliance enforcement officer employed by the Authority and any
15 owner or operator of a tow car under the jurisdiction of the Authority to attend such
16 training annually if it is provided that year. **Section 1.3** of this bill makes a
17 conforming change to indicate the placement of **section 1** in the Nevada Revised
18 Statutes. **Section 1.5** of this bill makes a conforming change relating to the
19 additional training required in **section 1** for compliance enforcement officers
20 employed by the Authority. **Section 7** of this bill requires the Authority to provide
21 the first of such trainings not later than October 1, 2022.



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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 706 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 **1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the Authority**
4 **shall provide training each year on:**

5 **(a) Any addition to or revision of the provisions of NRS**
6 **706.011 to 706.791, inclusive; or**

7 **(b) Any regulations adopted by the Authority pursuant to those**
8 **provisions.**

9 **2. If no addition or revision was made to the provisions of**
10 **NRS 706.011 to 706.791, inclusive, or no regulations were adopted**
11 **by the Authority pursuant to those provisions in a year, the**
12 **Authority may, for the immediately succeeding year, choose not to**
13 **provide the training required by subsection 1.**

14 **3. A compliance enforcement officer employed by the**
15 **Authority and an owner or operator of a tow car subject to the**
16 **jurisdiction of the Authority shall attend the training prescribed in**
17 **subsection 1 annually unless the Authority chooses not to provide**
18 **the training in accordance with subsection 2.**

19 **4. The Authority shall provide the training required by**
20 **subsection 1 uniformly with respect to content throughout the**
21 **State to all persons who are required to attend the training.**

22 **5. The Authority may adopt such regulations as are necessary**
23 **to carry out the provisions of this section.**

24 **Sec. 1.3.** NRS 706.011 is hereby amended to read as follows:
25 706.011 As used in NRS 706.011 to 706.791, inclusive, **and**
26 **section 1 of this act**, unless the context otherwise requires, the
27 words and terms defined in NRS 706.013 to 706.146, inclusive,
28 have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

29 **Sec. 1.5.** NRS 706.178 is hereby amended to read as follows:
30 706.178 ~~[The]~~ **In addition to the training required pursuant to**
31 **section 1 of this act, the** Authority shall adopt regulations setting
32 forth the training which a compliance enforcement officer employed
33 by the Authority pursuant to NRS 706.176 must complete,
34 including, without limitation, training in commercial vehicle safety
35 inspections provided by the Nevada Highway Patrol.

36 **Sec. 2.** (Deleted by amendment.)

37 **Sec. 3.** (Deleted by amendment.)

38 **Sec. 4.** (Deleted by amendment.)

39 **Sec. 5.** (Deleted by amendment.)

40 **Sec. 6.** (Deleted by amendment.)

41 **Sec. 7.** Not later than October 1, 2022, the Nevada
42 Transportation Authority shall provide to compliance enforcement



1 officers employed by the Nevada Transportation Authority and
2 owners and operators of tow cars subject to the jurisdiction of the
3 Nevada Transportation Authority training on the provisions of NRS
4 706.011 to 706.791, inclusive, and any regulations adopted by the
5 Nevada Transportation Authority pursuant thereto. Such training
6 must conform to the requirements of section 1 of this act and any
7 regulations adopted by the Nevada Transportation Authority
8 pursuant thereto.

9 **Sec. 8.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and
10 approval.

11 2. Sections 1 to 7, inclusive, of this act become effective:

12 (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any
13 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
14 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

15 (b) On October 1, 2021, for all other purposes.

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