



**Minutes of the Advisory Board on  
Automotive Affairs**  
held on April 03, 2007 at 11:00 am  
at the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles  
Directors Conference Room, 555 Wright Way, Carson City, NV. 89511

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**1. Call to Order**

- A. Steve Yarborough called to order the meeting of the Advisory Board on Automotive Affairs at 11:02 am.
- B. Board introductions took place along with the public that was present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dick Mills, Pick -N- Pull  
Steve Yarborough, Sierra Service Station Co. - Chairman  
Susan Fisher, Consumer  
Troy Dillard, DMV-CED

**MEMBERS TELECONFERENCED:**

Michael Spears, Collision Authority – Co-Chairman

**INTERESTED PARTIES:**

Peter Krueger, NPM/CSA  
Ralph Felices, DMV-CED

## 2. Review of SB 452 – Departments Clean Up Bill

- A. Senate Bill 452 was received back in its official form from LCB and a copy has been forwarded to all members for review. The Department has additional amendments to the language and copies of those have also been provided to the board members for review. The Department is requesting from the Board a vote in support of this Bill and the amendments.
- B. The Board reviewed the proposed amendments. (*Copy of Amendment is retained as Attachment A in main file*)
- **NRS 481.048** Division of Compliance Enforcement: Appointment and duties of investigators.
  - **Section 19. NRS 482.321** Registration of certain number of vehicles without payment of governmental services tax; payment of governmental services tax by purchaser; payment of fees for registration and governmental services tax by transferee; exceptions. [Effective through December 31, 2007.] Remove out of Statute eliminating the dealer special plates.
  - **NRS 482.330, Subsection 4.** Manufacturers, distributors, dealers and rebuilders: Certificates of registration and special plates for vehicles provided by Department upon licensing; special plates for loaned vehicles; limitation.
  - **Section 21. NRS 482.350** Dealers: New vehicle dealer’s license not to be issued unless dealer first furnishes to Department instrument indicating dealer is franchised dealer of manufacturer; additional functions in which used vehicle dealers may engage.
- C. The Board reviewed the proposed amendments in SB 452 as they pertained to their purview of interest. (*Copy of SB 452 is retained as Attachment B in main file*)
- **Section 50.** “Automobile Wrecker” or “Wrecker” defined.
  - **Section 51.** Unified language added throughout bill dealing with licensees. This is the placement of evidence of unfitness as related to other criteria as originally established in Chapter 482.
  - **Section 52.** Section clarifies that a wrecker is to provide a legal salvage title to a buyer when an entire salvage vehicle is sold.
  - **Q.** Dick Mills – Could you explain to me how this process works? Currently, we only give a title when we sell the frame of the vehicle. With this new language, does the concept change?
  - **A.** Troy – Yes, now you have to have a conventional frame coupled with one additional major component; one of the following (2) If a unibody, the complete front inner structure; or (3) If a truck, the truck cab assembly as part of that in addition to (a) The cowl assembly; (b) The floor plan assembly; (c) The passenger compartment; (d) The rear clip assembly; and (e) the roof assembly.
  - **Section 53.** Removal of language, “Notice of Hearing” wherever it appears.
    - The addition of language, “for any reason determined by the Director to be in the best interest of the public.” and
    - Additional criteria added to the responsibility of the owner in the case of fraudulent documents.

- **Q.** Steve – This is giving the Director broad base powers?
- **A.** Ralph – The language used is typical in other statutes such as NRS 482 and 487. and action made still has to go through due process. There are hearings held and right of appeal.
- **Section 54.** Adds additional language to wreckers and their records of inspection.
- **Q.** Dick Mills – Is line 43 saying that we have to keep track of the parts that we sold on a vehicle?
- **A.** Ralph – The wreckers have vehicles that are sold as parts.
- **Q.** Dick Mills – Right, so if I sell a vehicle as a whole I am supposed to track that, but if I sell a fender I do not need to track that? So once the title is stamped its clear?
- **A.** Ralph – Right.
- **Section 57.** Adds grounds for unfitness for rejection of an application.
- **Section 58.** Submission of certain types of businesses that work on vehicles that was not originally included.
- **Section 59.** Adds Motorcycles as defined in NRS 482.070 and Tri-mobiles as defined in NRS 482.129.
- **Q.** Steve – With putting the definition for motorcycles under NRS 487.550, will that put motorcycle repair garages under NRS 487.450 requirement for registrations?
- **A.** Ralph – Yes, they will now have to register and follow the requirements of NRS 487 and 597.
- **Section 60.** Clarifies the language of grounds to suspend a garages registration.
- **Section 61.** Adds evidence of unfitness.
  - **Subsection 2.** Language added to stop the practice of an individual who has been revoked to be employed by, or in any manner affiliate with, the operation of a garage subject to registration in this State.
- **Section 63.** Adds rebuilders to the list of persons able to perform inspections.
- **Section 65.** Inserts criminal behavior or certain acts involving lien sales to obtain ownership documents.
- **Q.** Steve – Troy could you explain the insertion of “by the Commission” in Section 67 and 68?
- **A.** Troy – Yes, currently, the emission regulations under NRS 445B. are shared by the DMV and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP). The regulations that fall under NDEP go through the State Environmental Commission (SEC) for approval before they are sent over to LCB. This is an attempt to uniform those regulations and allow the SEC to hear those regulatory changes.
- **Q.** Susan – Do the motorcycle dealers have dealer plates or dealer special plates?
- **A.** Troy – Yes, however the change is not to the dealer plates. They use those as they have them; the change is to the dealer special plates.
- **Q.** Dick – In the section about the display of vehicles for sale under the dealer license, as an auto wrecker we do that all of the time. We are selling vehicle parts to be reconstructed.
- **A.** Ralph – These are vehicles that are subject to registration. Your vehicles are salvage. The criteria’s for persons acting as a dealer and selling vehicles without the proper documents. You don’t buy or sale unless the vehicle is salvaged.
- **Q.** Peter Krueger – Troy on NRS 445B. generally the industry would support the SEC overview, does this apply to any NAC that you may in the future want to change?

- **A.** Troy – No, it is limited to what is in those two sections. It is specifically those regulations that would fall under Chapter 785 which is the licensing requirements for stations.

### **3. Letter of Support for SB 452 – Departments Clean Up Bill**

- A. The Department in advance under the assumption that the language of SB 452 would be found acceptable by the Board, drafted a letter on behalf of the Board in support of SB 452 the Departments Clean Up Bill. Troy Dillard read the letter to the Board and the Board voted in support of the Departments Clean Up Bill, The letter was signed by Steven Yarborough, Chairman of the Advisory Board on Automotive Affairs. (*Copy of letter is retained as Attachment C in main file*)

### **4. Informational Items – Discussion Only**

- A. Michael Spears briefed the Board on AB 181 which revises provisions relating to the survey of labor rates charged by body shops. The intent of the bill is to make the process more efficient with the addition of having the responsibility transferred from Business and Industry to DMV with the requirement of it being done in addition to the licensing role. The bill has been passed out of the Assembly of Transportation and it is scheduled to be heard on the floor today. Susan informed the Board that LCB has been working with Metro on the language in the bill that brought forth a lot of concern. Metro has agreed to remove the term “*immediately,*” (*You have to contact the authorities immediately*) if you suspect a vehicle or a part of that vehicle as being stolen and replaced it with the term, “*within 24 hours*”.
- B. AB 594 which creates a Class A certification designation for certain body shops is another bill of interest to the Board. It was initiated by Michael Spears with the support of the Board. The intent of this bill is to create a new type of shop specializing in collision repairs. This bill is receiving opposition from the Dealers Association.
- C. SB 161 exempts hybrid electric vehicles, for a certain period, from the program for the control of emissions from motor vehicles. This bill has passed out of the Senate Natural Resources with an amendment to exempt hybrid vehicles for 5 years.
- D. AB 393 makes various changes relating to the repair of motor vehicles. The initial bill was to move all of the responsibility for regulating garages under the DMV. The bill has been amended to place the DMV as the primary authority under those circumstances currently in NRS 597 today and have them moved into NRS 487 which already is the DMV’s Chapter. Additionally, all consumer complaints will be put under the responsibility of the DMV for review and determination.
  - **Q.** Steve –This is the bill that addresses the concerns that have been previously expressed by this Board?
  - **A.** Troy – Yes, it addresses the issues that this Board has discussed in the past pertaining to the conflict of investigations being performed by two different agencies for the same circumstance. This is an attempt to streamline the process.

## **5. Public Comment – Discussion Only**

A. Peter informed the Board that Clark County Clean Cities thinks they have a \$500,000.00 appropriation from alternative fuel money, of which they have wired \$250,000.00 over to each biennium for Clark County Clean Cities Activities.

➤ **Q.** Steve – What would be the intent of having those monies appropriated for?

➤ **A.** Peter – They don't know.

➤ **Q.** Steve – Just to have it?

➤ **A.** Peter – Yes.

## **6. Next Meeting and Adjournment**

A. The next meeting will be scheduled at the suggestion of Troy Dillard, possible after Session in the fall.

B. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.