

Assembly Bill No. 54–Committee
on Growth and Infrastructure

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AN ACT relating to traffic safety; creating the Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety within the Department of Transportation; requiring the Advisory Committee to review, study and make recommendations regarding certain issues relating to traffic safety in this State and to prepare an annual report of its activities; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law creates the Department of Transportation and, in part, requires the Director of the Department to: (1) cause a general plan of the highways to be made and kept by the Department; and (2) collect information and compile statistics and maps relating to the mileage, traffic, character and condition of the highways. (NRS 408.106, 408.190) This bill creates the Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety within the Department of Transportation and establishes the membership of the Advisory Committee. This bill requires the Advisory Committee to review, study and make recommendations regarding: (1) evidence-based best practices for reducing or preventing deaths and injuries related to motor vehicle crashes on roadways in this State; (2) data on motor vehicle crashes resulting in death or serious bodily injury in this State; (3) policies intended to reduce or prevent deaths and injuries related to motor vehicle crashes on roadways in this State; and (4) any other submitted matter. This bill also requires the Advisory Committee to prepare and submit to the Governor and the Legislature an annual report concerning its activities. Finally, this bill authorizes the Advisory Committee to establish working groups, task forces and similar entities as necessary to assist in its work.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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

Section 1. Chapter 408 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety is hereby created in the Department. The Advisory Committee consists of the following voting members:

(a) The Director of the Department of Transportation or his or her designee;

(b) The Director of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee;

(c) The Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles or his or her designee;



(d) The Director of the Department of Public Safety or his or her designee;

(e) The Superintendent of Public Instruction or his or her designee;

(f) One member who is a representative of the Department of Transportation, appointed by the Director of the Department of Transportation;

(g) One member who is a representative of the Department of Public Safety, appointed by the Director of the Department of Public Safety;

(h) One member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly who is a member of the Assembly Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure during the current or immediately preceding regular session;

(i) One member appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate who is a member of the Senate Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure during the current or immediately preceding regular session;

(j) One member who is a representative of the Administrative Office of the Courts, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nevada;

(k) One member who represents tribal governments in Nevada, appointed by the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inc., or its successor organization;

(l) Two members who are full- or part-time faculty members in the Nevada System of Higher Education and have expertise in traffic safety or trauma care, appointed by the Director of the Department of Transportation;

(m) One member appointed by each metropolitan planning organization to represent the appointing organization;

(n) One member appointed by the Nevada Association of Counties;

(o) One member appointed by the Nevada League of Cities; and

(p) One member who represents local law enforcement agencies, appointed by the Nevada Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Association.

2. The Director of the Department of Transportation may appoint as nonvoting members of the Advisory Committee such other persons as the Director deems appropriate.

3. The term of office of each member appointed to the Advisory Committee is 2 years. Such members may be reappointed for additional terms of 2 years in the same manner as the original



appointments. Any vacancy occurring in the appointed voting membership of the Advisory Committee must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment not later than 30 days after the vacancy occurs.

4. The members of the Advisory Committee shall elect from their voting membership a Chair and a Vice Chair. The term of office of the Chair and the Vice Chair is 2 years. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Chair or Vice Chair, the members of the Advisory Committee shall elect a Chair or Vice Chair, as applicable, from among its voting members to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

5. The Advisory Committee shall meet at least once each calendar quarter and may meet at such further times as deemed necessary by the Chair.

6. A majority of the voting members of the Advisory Committee constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. If a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members of the Advisory Committee present is sufficient for any official action taken by the Advisory Committee.

7. Each member of the Advisory Committee serves without compensation and is not entitled to receive a per diem allowance or travel expenses.

8. The Department shall provide administrative support to the Advisory Committee.

9. The Advisory Committee shall review, study and make recommendations regarding:

(a) Evidence-based best practices for reducing or preventing deaths and injuries related to motor vehicle crashes on roadways in this State;

(b) Data on motor vehicle crashes resulting in death or serious bodily injury in this State, including, without limitation, factors that cause such crashes and measures known to prevent such crashes;

(c) Policies intended to reduce or prevent deaths and injuries related to motor vehicle crashes on roadways in this State; and

(d) Any other matter submitted by the Chair.

10. The Advisory Committee shall prepare and submit to the Governor and to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature an annual report concerning the activities of the Advisory Committee that addresses, without limitation, any issue reviewed or studied and any recommendations made by the Advisory Committee pursuant to subsection 9.



11. The Advisory Committee may establish such working groups, task forces and similar entities from within or outside its membership as necessary to address specific issues or otherwise to assist in its work.

12. As used in this section, “metropolitan planning organization” means an entity that has been designated as a metropolitan planning organization pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 134 and 49 U.S.C. § 5303.

Sec. 2. The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2021.

