

SENATE BILL NO. 180—SENATOR FLORES

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Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to motor carriers. (BDR 58-963)

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 motor carriers; establishing the minimum amount of insurance against liability of which the Nevada Transportation Authority of the Department of Business and Industry and the Department of Motor Vehicles must require certain motor carriers to file evidence, bond or surety; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law authorizes the Nevada Transportation Authority of the Department
2 of Business and Industry and the Department of Motor Vehicles to require certain
3 motor carriers to file with the Authority or the Department, as applicable, in a form
4 required and approved by the Authority or the Department a liability insurance
5 policy, or a certificate of insurance in lieu thereof, or a bond of a surety company,
6 or other surety, in such reasonable sum as the Authority or the Department may
7 deem necessary to protect adequately the interests of the public. (NRS 706.291)
8 This bill requires the Authority or the Department to require the filing of such
9 policy, certificate, bond or other surety, in an amount not less than \$1,500,000 by:
10 (1) every fully regulated carrier which is subject to regulation by the Authority and
11 authorized to transport only freight; and (2) every other common and contract
12 motor carrier and every private carrier which is subject to regulation by the
13 Department and authorized to transport intrastate-only freight by vehicles with a
14 manufacturer’s gross vehicle weight rating of 26,000 pounds or more.



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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 706.291 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 706.291 1. ~~[The]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in this*
3 *subsection, the* Authority shall require every fully regulated carrier
4 and every operator of a tow car, within such time and in such
5 amounts as the Authority may designate, to file with the Authority
6 in a form required and approved by the Authority a liability
7 insurance policy, or a certificate of insurance in lieu thereof, or a
8 bond of a surety company, or other surety, in such reasonable sum
9 as the Authority may deem necessary to protect adequately the
10 interests of the public. *The Authority shall require every fully*
11 *regulated carrier which is authorized to transport only freight to*
12 *file with the Authority in a form required and approved by the*
13 *Authority a liability insurance policy, or a certificate of insurance*
14 *in lieu thereof, or a bond of a surety company, or other surety, in*
15 *an amount not less than \$1,500,000.*

16 2. ~~[The]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the*
17 Department shall require every other common and contract motor
18 carrier and every private carrier, within such time and in such
19 amounts as the Department may designate, to file with the
20 Department in a form required and approved by the Department a
21 liability insurance policy, or a certificate of insurance in lieu thereof,
22 a bond of a surety company, or other surety, in such reasonable sum
23 as the Department may deem necessary to protect adequately the
24 interests of the public. In determining the amount of liability
25 insurance or other surety required of a carrier pursuant to this
26 subsection, the Department shall ~~[create]~~ :

27 (a) *Create* a separate category for vehicles with a
28 manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of less than 26,000
29 pounds and impose a lesser requirement with respect to such
30 vehicles ~~[]~~; and

31 (b) *Require every other common and contract motor carrier*
32 *and every private carrier which is authorized to transport*
33 *intrastate-only freight by the category of vehicles with a*
34 *manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of 26,000 pounds or*
35 *more to file with the Department in a form required and approved*
36 *by the Department a liability insurance policy, or a certificate of*
37 *insurance in lieu thereof, or a bond of a surety company, or other*
38 *surety, in an amount not less than \$1,500,000.*

39 3. The liability insurance policy or certificate, policy or bond
40 of a surety company or other surety must bind the obligors
41 thereunder to pay the compensation for injuries to persons or for



1 loss or damage to property resulting from the negligent operation of
2 the carrier.

3 4. The Authority and the Department may jointly prescribe by
4 regulation the respective amounts and forms required by subsections
5 1 and 2.

6 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective:

7 1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any
8 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
9 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

10 2. On October 1, 2025, for all other purposes.



