

Assembly Bill No. 163—Assemblymen Ohrenschall, Atkinson, Christensen, Manendo; Aizley, Bobzien, Carpenter, Claborn, Cobb, Dondero Loop, Hambrick, Hogan, Kihuen, Kirkpatrick, Koivisto, Leslie, Mastroluca, Mortenson, Munford, Ocegüera, Pierce, Segerblom and Smith

Joint Sponsors: Senators Parks, Townsend; Breeden, Care, Copening, Nolan, Washington and Wiener

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AN ACT relating to highways; authorizing the Department of Transportation to adopt regulations to allow certified low emission and energy-efficient vehicles to be operated in a lane on certain highways designated for the preferential use or exclusive use of high-occupancy vehicles; authorizing counties and cities to adopt ordinances to allow certain low emission and energy-efficient vehicles to travel in designated lanes in planned communities; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Section 1.5 of this bill authorizes the Department of Transportation to adopt regulations to allow certified low emission and energy-efficient vehicles to be operated in a lane on a highway under its jurisdiction designated for the preferential use or exclusive use of high-occupancy vehicles. **Section 1.7** of this bill authorizes counties and cities to adopt ordinances that allow certain low emission and energy-efficient vehicles, including golf carts, to travel in designated lanes within planned communities.

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

Section 1. Chapter 484 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 1.5 and 1.7 of this act.

Sec. 1.5. 1. *To the extent not inconsistent with federal law, the Department of Transportation may, in consultation with the Federal Highway Administration and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, adopt regulations establishing a program to allow a vehicle that is certified by the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency as a low emission and energy-efficient vehicle to be operated in a lane that is designated for the use of high-occupancy vehicles pursuant to NRS 484.312.*

2. *As used in this section, “low emission and energy-efficient vehicle” has the meaning ascribed to it in 23 U.S.C. § 166(f)(3).*



Sec. 1.7. 1. A county or city may adopt an ordinance to allow low emission and energy-efficient vehicles to travel in a designated lane on streets within a planned community.

2. As used in this section:

(a) "Low emission and energy-efficient vehicle" has the meaning ascribed to it in 23 U.S.C. § 166(f)(3) except that the term includes golf carts.

(b) "Planned community" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 116.075.

Sec. 2. 1. This section and section 1.7 of this act become effective upon passage and approval.

2. Section 1.5 of this act becomes effective:

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

(b) On July 1, 2010, for all other purposes.

