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This issue of Legislative Report contains a summary of bills and amendments, which directly or indirectly will have an impact on our members or be of interest to our members. It does not include industry specific bills.

## Notes:

- ♦ Page numbers continue in sequence from the last issue.
- ♦ To access the full text of the bills reported in this issue, use the link which appears at the end of the bill summary.
- ♦ Unless otherwise shown, the effective date of bills reported is July 1, 2019. (The Legislative default date is October 1).
- ♦ Some bills have a fiscal note, which is not indicated in the summary, as specific fiscal information is not currently provided.
- ♦ To review all bills introduced to date or the BDR list, click [here](#) or go to [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us) and click on “Session Information – 80<sup>th</sup> (2019) Session.”

## TAXES: Fuel and Vehicle

### **SB 541 – Governmental Services Tax**

Notice of Exemption. Introduced by Committee on Finance on behalf of the Governor’s Office of Finance. Referred to Committee on Finance. (BDR 43-1213)

Removes the expiration of divided distribution of governmental services tax proceeds, making the 25 percent to the General Fund and 75 percent to the Highway Fund permanent.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/7047/Text>

## TAXES: Marijuana

### **AB 164, 1<sup>st</sup> Reprint – Marijuana Control Issues – Maintains 2/3 Majority (Issue 5, page 29)**

Clarifies motor vehicle for public transport does not include nor apply to a taxicab.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6250/Text#>

## MISCELLANEOUS TAXES AND TAX ISSUES

### **SB 46, 1<sup>st</sup> Reprint – Gaming: “Tout” Services – Maintains 2/3 Majority (Issue 1, page 4)**

Revises the definition of “interactive gaming service provider” and “service provider”. Revises the definition of “gross revenue”. Authorizes the Attorney General or a District Attorney to apply for a court order to intercept communications during an investigation of certain gaming offenses.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/5965/Text#>

### **SB 46, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reprint – Gaming: “Tout” Services – Maintains 2/3 Majority (Issue 1, page 4)**

Restores most language for the definition of “interactive gaming service provider”.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/5965/Text#>

## FEES, FINES & PENALTIES

*(See Issue 19-1, page 5, NTA’s position on fees.)*

### **AB 527 – Annual Child Support Fee - Requires 2/3 Majority**

Notice of Exemption. Introduced by Committee on Ways and Means on behalf of the Governor’s Office of Finance. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means. (BDR 38-1246)

Increases annual fee from \$25 to \$35 to be in accordance with Federal law.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL//80th2019/Bill/7039/Text>

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**AB 531 – Motor Vehicle Insurance - Requires 2/3 Majority**

Notice of Exemption. Introduced by Committee on Ways and Means on behalf of the Governor's Office of Finance. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means. (BDR 43-1209)

For a lapsed period of at least 91 days but less than 180 days the fine for a second offense is increased from \$500 to \$750 for not having motor vehicle insurance.

Effective: October 1, 2019

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL//80th2019/Bill/7045/Text>

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**AB 532 – Car Sales: Temporary Placards**

Notice of Exemption. Introduced by Committee on Ways and Means on behalf of the Governor's Office of Finance. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means. (BDR 43-1211)

Allows Director of DMV to contract with a vendor to provide for the issuance and tracking of temporary placards. Contract may authorize the vendor to charge and collect a fee.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL//80th2019/Bill/7046/Text>

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**SB 539 – Taxicab Authority Fees – Requires 2/3 Majority**

Notice of Exemption. Introduced by Committee on Finance on behalf of the Governor's Office of Finance. Referred to Committee on Finance. (BDR 58-1208)

Increases the annual fee paid by taxicab certificate holders in Clark County to the Taxicab Authority from \$100 to \$300 per year.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/7041/Text>

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**SB 542 – DMV Technology Fee**

Notice of Exemption. Introduced by Committee on Finance on behalf of the Governor's Office of Finance. Referred to Committee on Finance. (BDR 43-1210)

Extends expiration of the \$1 per transaction technology fee charged by the DMV for two years to June 30, 2022.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/7049/Text>

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**EDUCATION: K-12****AB 277 – Teacher Salary Increases (Issue 9, page 57)**

**Fiscal Impact Added:** This bill will cost school districts \$74.5 million in 2020 and \$143.5 million in 2021. The total for all fiscal notes is \$768.7 million in FY 20 and FY 21 and \$2 billion in future biennia.

**NTA POSITION ADDED: OPPOSE.** Providing a specific wage increase in this case "... not less than 3 percent each year." relinquishes control of the budget process from the Governor and Legislature, by mandating an ongoing expense. An expense that not only ignores the annual cost increases, but also the deliberation which should occur during the budget process. A process which should include prioritizing expenditures, analyzing funds available, the need for additional funds, etc. This mandated expense, along with several other mandates, including those from the federal government, are contrary to sound fiscal policy.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6500/Text>

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**GOVERNMENT: State****AB 529 – Nevada Athletic Commission**

Notice of Exemption. Introduced by Committee on Ways and Means on behalf of the Governor's Office of Finance. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means. (BDR 41-1207)

Makes the Executive Director of Nevada Athletic Commission appointed by the Governor instead of the Commission and moves the commission from Business and Industry to the Office of the Governor.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL//80th2019/Bill/7043/Text>

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**AB 530 – Department of Taxation: Background Checks**

Notice of Exemption. Introduced by Committee on Ways and Means on behalf of the Governor's Office of Finance. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means. (BDR 32-1197)

Requires additional background check information from current employees, prospective employees, and contractors of Department of Taxation.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/7044/Text>

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**SB 535 – Problem Gambling Programs**

Notice of Exemption. Introduced by Committee on Finance on behalf of the Governor's Office of Finance. Referred to Committee on Finance. (BDR 41-1200)

Changes the quarterly deposits to monthly deposits into the Revolving Account to Support Program for the Prevention and Treatment of Problem Gambling and the amount from \$2 per slot machine to 0.6 percent of the gross gaming revenue fee (NRS 463.370) collected.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/7035/Text>

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**SB 536 – Renewable Energy Loans**

Notice of Exemption. Introduced by Committee on Finance on behalf of the Governor's Office of Finance. Referred to Committee on Finance. (BDR 58-1196)

Remove the word "Loans" from the Account for Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Energy Conservation. Expands the authorized use of money in the Account for other purposes approved by the U.S. Department of Energy.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/7036/Text>

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**SB 537 – Consumer Affairs Unit Extension**

Notice of Exemption. Introduced by Committee on Finance on behalf of the Governor's Office of Finance. Referred to Committee on Finance. (BDR 18-1206)

Extends the expiration of the Consumer Affairs Unit of the Department of Business and Industry an additional two years to June 30, 2021.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/7037/Text>

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**SB 538 – Office of New Americans**

Introduced by Committee on Government Affairs on behalf of the Governor's Office. Referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 18-1222)

Creates the Office for New Americans in the Governor's Office with a Director appointed by the Governor. The office is to monitor policies and programs related to immigrants in the State. All regulatory bodies must each create an online resource to guide immigrants on acquiring professional licenses.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for preparatory administrative tasks and January 1, 2020 for all other purposes.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/7038/Text>

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**SJR 5 – Annual Legislative Sessions: Constitutional (Issue 8, page 52)**

**Fiscal Impact Added:** Legislative Counsel Bureau estimates \$13.3 million effect on future biennia. Using costs of current biennial sessions, projections are based on assumptions known and unknown on the impact of the resolution.

**NTA POSITION ADDED: NO CONSENSUS OF FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE.**

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6427/Text>

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**STATE BUDGET: Appropriations IN Executive Budget****AB 500, 1<sup>st</sup> Reprint – Office of Finance: Enterprise Resource Planning System (Issue 15, page 127)**

Extends the reversion date for appropriations from the current biennium to the end of the next biennium. Reduces the amount of appropriation from the General Fund to \$31,031,801 and the Highway Fund to \$7,279,065.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/7002/Text>

**SB 533 – Museum of Arts**

Notice of Exemption. Introduced by Committee on Finance on behalf of the Governor's Office of Finance. Referred to Committee on Finance. (BDR S-1167)

Appropriates \$5,000,000 from the General Fund to the Governor's Office of Finance for the statewide expansion plan for the Northern and Southern Museum of Arts. Any remaining balance on September 17, 2021 reverts to the General Fund.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/7033/Text>

**SB 534 – State Radio System**

Notice of Exemption. Introduced by Committee on Finance on behalf of the Governor's Office of Finance. Referred to Committee on Finance. (BDR S-1168)

Appropriates \$4,090,651 from the General Fund to the Governor's Office of Finance for the replacement of the statewide radio system. Any remaining balance on September 17, 2021 reverts to the General Fund.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/7034/Text>

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