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This issue of Legislative Report contains a summary of bills, 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, 2021. (The Legislative default date is October 1).
- ♦ To review all bills introduced to date or the BDR list, click [here](#) or go to www.leg.state.nv.us and click on "Session Information – 81st (2021) Session.
- ♦ The 2021 Legislative Session 120 Day Calendar includes important bill introduction and budget related deadlines. The calendar may be viewed [here](#).
- ♦ Fiscal information is not currently available on recently introduced bills as they are exempt to the statutory provisions found in [NRS 218D.475](#).

TAXES

(See Issue 21-1, Page 1, NTA's Policy for Evaluating Taxes.)

TAXES: Fuel and Vehicle

AB 444 – Transportation Network Companies: Limousine Contracts

Introduced by Committee on Growth and Infrastructure and referred to same. (BDR 58-1020)

Authorizes a transportation network company to enter into a contract with limousine motor carriers to receive connections to potential passengers from the transportation network company in exchange for the payment of a fee.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/8113/Overview>

AB 446 – Old Timer Vehicles: Registration and Licensing

Requested by the Governor's Office of Finance. Introduced by Committee on Ways and Means and referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure. (BDR 43-1092)

Requires that an owner of such an older vehicle who is seeking the exemption from emission control compliance to vehicle complete and pass an initial emissions test, certify to the Department of Motor Vehicles that the vehicle was not driven more than 5,000 miles during the immediately preceding year and to inspect and verify the odometer readings.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and administrative tasks and July 1, 2021 for all other purposes.

NTA Comment: See also AB 349, Issue 10, page 58

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/8118/Overview>

TAXES: Marijuana

SB 404 – Cannabis: Weights and Measures – Requires 2/3s Majority

Requested by Governor's Office of Finance. Introduced by Committee on Finance and referred to Committee on Natural Resources. (BDR 51-1086)

The Division of Consumer Equitability of the State Department of Agriculture authorizes the State Sealer of the Division to establish an annual license fee for all cannabis weighing and measuring equipment.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/8115/Overview>

MISCELLANEOUS TAXES AND TAX ISSUES

SB 348 – 911 Emergency Service – Requires 2/3s Majority (Issue 10, page 61)

Introduced by Senator Goicoechea and referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure. (BDR 43-707)

NTA Position Added: Oppose as it creates a variety of rates among the counties as some counties already impose a surcharge for 911 to provide service to their county.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/8000/Overview>

FEES, FINES & PENALTIES

(See Issue 21-1, Page 4, NTA's Policy for Evaluating Fees.)

SB 405 – PUC Consumer Advocate: Assessments – Requires 2/3s Majority

Requested by Governor's Office of Finance. Introduced by Committee on Finance and referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure. (BDR 58-1087)

Eliminates the maximum number of mills that may be levied against utilities and railroads and requires instead the assessment must be sufficient to fund budgets of the PUC and Consumer Advocate. Current assessment based on each dollar of gross operating revenue derived from the intrastate operation of utilities, is limited to 3.50 mills for the use of the Commission and 0.75 mills for the use of the Consumer's Advocate. The assessment on railroads may not include a calculation for the Consumer Advocate.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/8116/Overview>

BUSINESS ISSUES

SB 402 – Regulatory Bodies

Introduced by Committee on Commerce and Labor and referred to same. (BDR 54-709)

This is an extensive bill, 225 pages of which there are 246 sections dealing with various aspects of proposed changes to regulatory boards and commissions. These changes contain provisions which include, but are not limited to, reciprocity and expediting some licenses, to issuing provisional licenses to requiring continuing education, to data collection and oversight and to requiring reports to the Governor and Legislative Counsel Bureau.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and administrative tasks and July 1, 2021 for all other purposes.

NTA Comment: See also SB 335, Issue 10, page 66 and AB 369, Issue 10, page 71.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/8107/Overview>

GOVERNMENT: State and Local

AB 445 – Federal Grant Assistance

Introduced by Committee on Growth and Infrastructure and referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 18-862)

Changes the name of the Office of Grant Procurement, Coordination and Management to Office of Federal Assistance and transfers the office from the Department of Administration to the Office of the Governor. The bill makes changes to the operation and responsibilities of the office and director for the purpose of maximizing federal assistance to state and local governments.

Effective: Upon and approval for regulations and administrative tasks and October 1, 2021 for all other purposes.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/8114/Overview>

STATE BUDGET: Appropriations NOT in Executive Budget

AB 447 – Schools: Courses of Study

Declared Exempt. Introduced by Committee on Ways and Means and referred to same. (BDR S-1047)

Appropriates \$175,000 in FY 2021-22 and \$175,000 in FY 2022-23 from the General Fund to the Nevada Center for Civic Engagement to support the We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution Program in Nevada's elementary, junior high, middle and high schools. Any remaining balance on September 15, 2023 reverts to the General Fund.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/8119/Overview>

EDUCATION: K-12

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Declared Exempt. Introduced by Committee on Ways and Means and referred to same. (BDR S-1047)

Refer to STATE BUDGET: Appropriations NOT in Executive Budget this issue for summary.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/8119/Overview>

LEGISLATURE**AB 441 – Legislators: Procedures**

Declared Exempt. Introduced by Assemblyman Frierson and referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR 17-922)

Authorizes the allocation of the legislative measures requested by a legislator whose office becomes vacant. Revises the provisions governing when a Legislator may use unspent campaign contributions. Establishes a time frame when a Legislator who has been appointed to fill a vacancy may solicit or accept monetary contributions.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/8110/Overview>

AB 443 – Interim Committees: Revises Procedures

Declared Exempt. Introduced by Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR 17-1045)

Provides for the creation of the Joint Interim Standing Committees of the Legislature. Specifies committee membership and makes changes that include repealing some of the standing interim committees and specifying changes to the new interim committee structure.

Effective: Vary from upon passage and approval to July 1, 2021.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/8112/Overview>

SB 403 – Legislative Bill Request Changes

Introduced by Senator Pickard and referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR 17-30)

Authorizes each Legislator to request the drafting of not more than one legislative measure for each special session. Establishes procedures and timelines when a Legislator may request the confidentiality of sponsorship of a legislative measure.

NTA Position: Oppose the confidentiality provisions which appear in this bill. The fact is, these provisions erode transparency and can allow mischief.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/8109/Overview>

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