

WALKTHROUGH OF AB 361

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Overview

AB 361 proposes amendments to **Chapter 277A of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS)** to enhance the safety of transit operators. The bill applies to **counties with populations of 100,000 or more** and introduces infrastructure and technology requirements for transit vehicles requiring a **Commercial Driver's License (CDL)** to operate.

Key Provisions

1. Safety Infrastructure for Transit Operators

- Transit commissions in large counties must **install and maintain**:
 - **Physical barriers** to prevent unauthorized access to the driver's workstation.
 - **Panic buttons and other safety technology** to mitigate risks.

2. Public Awareness & Crime Deterrence

- Required installation of **signage** informing passengers of **criminal penalties** for crimes against transit operators or the public, specifically:
 - **Assault of a transit operator** (as defined under NRS 200.471).
 - **Battery of a transit operator** (as defined under NRS 200.481).

3. Scope of Application

- The safety measures (barriers and panic buttons) **must be implemented in all transit vehicles requiring a CDL to operate.**

Implications

- **For Transit Agencies:** Increased responsibility for infrastructure upgrades and compliance with safety requirements.
- **For Transit Operators:** Enhanced safety measures to reduce risks of workplace violence.
- **For the Public:** Greater awareness of legal consequences for attacking transit workers.