

WEEKLY QUESTION AND ANSWER FOR NEVADA HOA INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS

Q: I know this is not about HOA's specifically, but why are cars stopping on a divided highway for school buses stopped on the opposite side of the roadway when they don't need to do so.

A: Thanks for asking the question, but please see the statute below as it clarifies the issue:

NRS 484B.353 Overtaking and passing school bus (*In Nevada*): Duties of driver; exceptions; penalties.

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the driver of any vehicle, when meeting or overtaking, from either direction, any school bus, equipped with signs and signals required by law, which has stopped to receive or discharge any pupil and is displaying a flashing red light signal visible from the front and rear, shall bring the vehicle to an immediate stop and shall not attempt to overtake or proceed past the school bus until the flashing red signal ceases operation.

2. The driver of a vehicle upon a **divided highway** need not stop upon meeting or passing a school bus which is positioned in the other roadway (opposite side of the roadway – opposite direction). The driver of a vehicle need not stop upon meeting or passing a school bus where traffic is controlled by a traffic officer.

3. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and:

(a) For a third or any subsequent offense within 2 years after the most recent offense, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 and the driver's license of the person must be suspended for not more than 1 year.

(b) For a second offense within 1 year after the first offense, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$250 nor more than \$500 and the driver's license of the person must be suspended for 6 months.

(c) For a first offense or any subsequent offense for which a punishment is not provided for in paragraph (a) or (b), shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$250 nor more than \$500.

(Added to NRS by [1969, 1506](#); A [1975, 825](#); [1991, 276](#); [1997, 3060](#); [2007, 15](#))—
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