Despite Uber petition, service still illegal in Nev.

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To Uber, the ride-sharing transportation network company, and its legion of fans, it's an easy fix.

Copy and paste legislation that's been enacted somewhere else, run it before the Nevada Legislature for a vote, get Gov. Brian Sandoval to sign the bill and Uber on.

More than 26,000 people have signed a petition asking Sandoval and Attorney General Adam Laxalt to lead the way toward allowing the company to operate in the state.

There already are 22 jurisdictions that have laws in place that enable Uber and similar companies to do what they do – accept requests from customers through a smartphone app to provide transportation in their personal vehicles.

There's only one problem: Under Nevada transportation laws, the service is illegal.

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