



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 570**

Hearing Date: February 13, 2007

Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications

Introducer(s): (Louden)

Title: Provide for Gold Star license plates

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

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| 6 | Yes | Senators Fischer, Mines, Aguilar, Stuthman, Pedersen and Louden |
| 2 | No | Senator Schimek and Hudkins |
| | Present, not voting | |
| | Absent | |
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Proponents:

Senatoar LeRoy Louden, Introducer
Christine Wolf
Robert Wolf

Representing:

District #49
Self
Self

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 570 creates Gold Star specialty license plates.

The bill authorizes the DMV to create designs reflecting support for the United States Armed Forces in consultation with the Department of Veterans’ Affairs and the Military Department. The design shall be based on marketability and limiting the manufacturing cost. Satisfactory proof must be demonstrated that the applicant is a surviving spouse, parent, grandparent, sibling, or child of a person who died while on active duty in the military service of the United States. Only one motor vehicle or trailer owned by the applicant shall be so licensed at one time. The department has rule and regulation authority to carry out this section.

Two types of Gold Star plates shall be issued. One type shall be consecutively numbered plates beginning with the number one. The numbered plates shall be accompanied by a \$15 fee, with \$5 going to the DMV Cash Fund and \$10 going to the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund.

The other type of plate shall be personalized message plates. The personalized plates shall be accompanied by a \$40 fee, with \$30 going to the DMV Cash Fund and \$10 going to the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund.

The bill also outlines the method of delivery of the plates, obtaining replacement plates, transferring the plates to another owned motor vehicle, and the credit of unused fees.

The bill has an operative date of January 1, 2008.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The committee amendment, AM690, makes three minor changes to the bill. First, the word “Family” is inserted after “Gold Star” throughout the bill so that the license plates will be “Gold Star Family” license plates.

Second, the language requiring the plates to be designed to enhance the marketability of the plates is stricken. Gold Star Family plates are available only to eligible persons, and it is not necessary to enhance their marketability.

Finally, the amendment corrects a drafting error and inserts the correct referencing section.

Senator Deb Fischer, Chairperson