

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2010
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1065

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 23, 2010
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Heidemann
One Liner: Change provisions relating to towing of vehicles

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Campbell, Fischer, Gay, Hadley, Loudon, Stuthman
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Janssen
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Lautenbaugh

Proponents:

Senator LaVon Heidemann
Jerry Stilmock

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Bankers Association

Opponents:

Sara Schwartztrauber
Joanne Hitz

Representing:

Nebraska Towing Association & Capital Towing
Professional Towers Association of Nebraska

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1065 clarifies who a towed vehicle may be returned to and requires a person towing a vehicle to provide notice to the owner and lienholder within 5 days.

The bill inserts a statement to clarify that once payment of the towing and storage fees is made, the vehicle shall be returned to the owner, lienholder, or any other person entitled to possession. Current statute makes no mention of who is entitled to possession of the vehicle after the fees have been paid.

The bill also shortens the time period that notice must be given of a towed vehicle from within 30 days to within 5 business days. Notice shall be given by certified mail to the last known address of the lienholder and owner.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment, AM 2046, changes the required notification time limit that a tow truck operator must give to a vehicle's owner or lienholder from within five business days to within fifteen business days.

