

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2010
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB820

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 16, 2010
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Janssen
One Liner: Provide an exception from width, height, length, weight, and load restrictions for certain emergency vehicles

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Fischer, Gay, Hadley, Janssen, Lautenbaugh, Louden
Nay:		
Absent:	2	Senators Campbell, Stuthman
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:
Senator Charlie Janssen
Jeff Hunke
Jerry Stilmock

Representing:
Introducer
Smeal Fire Apparatus
Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighter Association

Opponents:
Ellis Tompkins

Representing:
Nebraska Department of Roads

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 820 exempts authorized emergency vehicles from width, height, length and load restrictions and no longer requires a special permit for such exemption.

Section 1 amends Sec. 60-6,114 to exempt an authorized emergency vehicle from the statutory size and weight limitations when the vehicle is operated by a manufacturer or sales agent for purposes of sale, demonstration, exhibit or delivery.

Section 2 amends Sec. 60-6,294 to strike the permit exemption language for an authorized emergency vehicle. Under the bill, a manufacturer or sales agent would no longer have to obtain a permit to exceed the weight limitations.

Section 3 amends 60-6,298 to strike the permit authorization language for an authorized emergency vehicle to be exempt from the size and weight restrictions. Under the bill, a manufacturer or sales agent would no longer have to obtain a permit to exceed the weight limitations.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment, AM 1932, strikes all original sections and becomes the bill. The amendment makes one small change to Sec. 60-6,298 where the section discusses a special permit for the operation of an emergency vehicle for purposes of sale, demonstration, exhibit or delivery.

The provision reads under the amendment, "No permit shall be issued for an emergency vehicle which weighs over sixty thousand pounds on the tandem axle."

This change is to be interpreted as permitting up to sixty thousand pounds on the rear axle of the emergency vehicle, with an additional statutorily permitted twenty thousand pounds on the front single axle.

Deb Fischer, Chairperson