

**ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB216**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday March 07, 2011  
**Committee On:** Transportation and Telecommunications  
**Introducer:** Coash  
**One Liner:** Provide for special interest motor vehicle plates

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

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	6	Senators Campbell, Dubas, Fischer, Hadley, Lautenbaugh, Price
<b>Nay:</b>	2	Senators Janssen, Louden
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Proponents:**

Senator Colby Coash  
Terry Wagner  
Steve Skidmore  
Loy Todd

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska Corvette Association  
Cornhusker Corvette Club  
Nebraska New Car & Truck Dealers Association

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 216 creates a special interest motor vehicle license plate.

The bill amends Sec. 60-3,100 so that a special interest motor vehicle is only required to display one license plate. The plate shall be attached to the rear of the vehicle.

The DMV would be required to design the special interest plate, and limit the manufacturing cost to that charged for the plate.

The plates would be available in consecutively numbered or personalized message types.

A person may apply to DMV in lieu of regular license plates at the DMV or county offices. The application form shall include a description of the special interest motor vehicle, a description of all motor vehicles owned that are used for regular transportation, proof of membership in a car club, and an affidavit stating the special interest vehicle won't be used for regular transportation.

The initial and renewal application fee for the plate will be \$50. The fee will be split equally between the DMV Cash Fund and the Highway Trust Fund.

The bill outlines a process for a replacement plate, the issuance procedure by the DMV, and the transfer of the plate to another vehicle.

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The bill also provides a definition of a special interest motor vehicle to mean one where the vehicle is unaltered from the original manufacturer's specifications and is being collected, preserved, restored, or maintained by the owner for leisure and not used for general transportation.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The committee amendment, AM 878, makes several changes to the bill.

Section 3 of the amendment makes a technical change to the Registration Act to provide for a special interest license plate within the different categories of license plates found in Sec. 60-3,104.

Subsection 4(1) of the amendment requires only the words "special interest" to be included on the license plate.

Subsection (2) changes one type of special interest plate from consecutively numbered plates to alphanumeric plates.

Subsection (4) prohibits motorcycles or trailers from obtaining a special interest license plate.

Subsection (5) simplifies the application process by no longer requiring a list of other vehicles owned by the applicant, proof of membership in a car club, or an affidavit swearing to limited use of the vehicle.

The amendment eliminates the transfer provision in the original bill. A vehicle owner seeking to transfer a special interest motor vehicle plate would have to go through the normal application process.

Subsection (10) of the amendment is a new provision that outlines the prohibitions and uses of a special interest motor vehicle.

Subsection (11) makes it a Class V misdemeanor for violating the special interest motor vehicle provisions.

Subsection (12) of the amendment simplifies the definition of a special interest motor vehicle.

Section 5 of the amendment provides an operative date of January 1, 2012 to give the DMV time to make the necessary changes to the Vehicle, Titling and Registration (VTR) system.

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Deb Fischer, Chairperson