

**ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2012**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB740**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday January 23, 2012  
**Committee On:** Transportation and Telecommunications  
**Introducer:** Schilz  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to farmers hauling hay and livestock forage vehicles

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

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Campbell, Dubas, Fischer, Hadley, Janssen, Lautenbaugh, Louden, Price

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**

Senator Schilz  
Shawn Shoemaker  
Dan Carnine  
Richard Sellman  
Pete McClymont

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Self  
Nebraska Farm Bureau  
Self  
Nebraska Cattleman

**Opponents:**

**Neutral:**

Gerry Krolikowski

**Representing:**

Nebraska State Patrol

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

LB 740 authorizes a special permit for livestock forage vehicles to exceed length restrictions and includes drop deck trailers within the definition of such a vehicle.

The bill amends sec. 60-3,111 to create a special permit for a truck-tractor and semitrailer combination, owned by a farmer or rancher, that is used to carry a load of hay no longer than 59 feet. The permit shall be carried on the vehicle, and shall be \$50.

The bill amends sec. 60-6,290 to change the exemption for a livestock forage vehicle from the standard length restrictions. The exemption no longer would be limited to unbaled loads.

The bill amends sec. 60-6,305 to include a drop deck trailer attached to a livestock forage vehicle within the definition of such a vehicle.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The committee amendment, AM 2212, strikes the original sections and becomes the bill. The amendment inserts a new provision into sec. 60-6,290 so that a truck-tractor with a semitrailer carrying livestock forage can attain a maximum

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length of 59 feet and 6 inches (including load).

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Deb Fischer, Chairperson