

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2012
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB930

Hearing Date: Monday January 30, 2012
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Brasch
One Liner: Allow operation of golf car vehicles on highways as prescribed

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Campbell, Dubas, Hadley, Janssen, Lautenbaugh, Loudon, Price
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Fischer

Proponents:
Senator Brasch
Kevin Brenneis
Justin Allred
Joe Kohout

Representing:
Introducer
Northridge Country Club
Masek Golf Car Co.
Nebraska Golf Alliance

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:
Coleen Nielsen
Lynn Rex

Representing:
Nebraska Insurance Information Service
League of Nebraska Municipalities

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 930 allows for the operation of a golf car vehicle on city streets if authorized by ordinance.

The bill provides for a new definition of "golf car vehicle" in the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act and Registration Act so that a golf car vehicle can be exempt from titling and registration requirements.

The bill provides for the golf car vehicle definition within the Operator's License Act and the Financial Responsibility Act so that the driver of a golf car vehicle operated on a public highway is subject to both acts.

Section 16 of the bill provides a definition of golf car vehicle within the Rules of the Road.

Section 19 authorizes a golf car vehicle on a public highway within city or village limits if an ordinance has been adopted authorizing golf car vehicles. The ordinance may be more stringent than what is provided in state statute in the interest of public safety.

The golf car must be operated during the daytime, may not be operated on any controlled access highway with more than two lanes, the operator must have a valid Class O license and liability insurance coverage, the vehicle must have a brake system in good condition, the vehicle must have its headlight and taillight on, and have a bicycle safety flag

attached.

The Department of Roads may prohibit operation of a golf car on a state highway in the interest of public safety.

The bill provides for the method of crossing a controlled-access highway.

Finally, the bill has an operative date of January 1, 2013.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment, AM 2272, strikes the original sections and becomes the bill. The amendment authorizes a city or county to adopt an ordinance allowing golf car vehicles upon streets or roads, but only one that is adjacent and contiguous to a golf course.

The person operating the vehicle must have a valid Class O license, and the owner of the vehicle must have liability insurance. The Department of Roads may prohibit the operation of golf car vehicles on any highway under its jurisdiction.

Deb Fischer, Chairperson