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Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 60-3,104 and  
2 60-3,130.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and  
3 section 60-301, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2011; to  
4 provide for Beef State license plates; to harmonize  
5 provisions; and to repeal the original sections.  
6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. Section 60-301, Revised Statutes Supplement,  
2   2011, is amended to read:

3           60-301 Sections 60-301 to 60-3,222 and sections 2 and 3  
4 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Motor Vehicle  
5 Registration Act.

6           Sec. 2. (1) Beginning January 1, 2013, a person may apply  
7 for Beef State license plates in lieu of regular license plates on an  
8 application prescribed and provided by the department for any motor  
9 vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or cabin trailer, except for motor  
10 vehicles or trailers registered under section 60-3,198. An applicant  
11 receiving a Beef State license plate for a farm truck with a gross  
12 weight of over sixteen tons or for a commercial motor vehicle  
13 registered for a gross weight of five tons or over shall affix the  
14 appropriate tonnage decal to the plate. The department shall make  
15 forms available for such applications. Each application for initial  
16 issuance or renewal of Beef State license plates shall be accompanied  
17 by a fee of seventy dollars. Fees collected pursuant to this  
18 subsection shall be remitted to the State Treasurer. The State  
19 Treasurer shall credit fifteen percent of the fee for initial  
20 issuance and renewal of Beef State license plates to the Department  
21 of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and eighty-five percent of the fee to the  
22 Highway Trust Fund.

23           (2) When the department receives an application for Beef  
24 State license plates, it shall deliver the plates to the county  
25 treasurer of the county in which the motor vehicle, trailer,

1 semitrailer, or cabin trailer is registered. The county treasurer  
2 shall issue Beef State license plates in lieu of regular license  
3 plates when the applicant complies with the other provisions of law  
4 for registration of the motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or cabin  
5 trailer. If Beef State license plates are lost, stolen, or mutilated,  
6 the licensee shall be issued replacement license plates pursuant to  
7 section 60-3,157.

8 (3)(a) The owner of a motor vehicle, trailer,  
9 semitrailer, or cabin trailer bearing Beef State license plates may  
10 make application to the county treasurer to have such Beef State  
11 license plates transferred to a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer,  
12 or cabin trailer other than the motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer,  
13 or cabin trailer for which such plates were originally purchased if  
14 such motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or cabin trailer is owned  
15 by the owner of the Beef State license plates.

16 (b) The owner may have the unused portion of the Beef  
17 State license plate fee credited to the other motor vehicle, trailer,  
18 semitrailer, or cabin trailer which will bear the Beef State license  
19 plates at the rate of eight and one-third percent per month for each  
20 full month left in the registration period.

21 (c) Application for such transfer shall be accompanied by  
22 a fee of three dollars. Fees collected pursuant to this subsection  
23 shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department  
24 of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

25 Sec. 3. (1) The department, in designing Beef State

1 license plates, shall include the words The Beef State in the top  
2 center of the license plate in white lettering on a black background.

3 (2) One type of Beef State license plates shall be  
4 consecutively numbered plates. The department shall:

5 (a) Number the Beef State license plates consecutively  
6 beginning with the number one, using numerals the size of which  
7 maximizes legibility; and

8 (b) Not use a county designation or any characters other  
9 than numbers on the Beef State license plates.

10 (3) One type of Beef State license plate shall be  
11 personalized message plates. Such plates shall be issued subject to  
12 the same conditions specified for message plates in subsection (2) of  
13 section 60-3,118. The characters used shall consist only of letters  
14 and numerals of the same size and design and shall comply with the  
15 requirements of subdivision (1)(a) of section 60-3,100. A maximum of  
16 seven characters may be used.

17 Sec. 4. Section 60-3,104, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
18 Nebraska, is amended to read:

19 60-3,104 The department shall issue the following types  
20 of license plates:

21 (1) Amateur radio station license plates issued pursuant  
22 to section 60-3,126;

23 (2) Apportionable vehicle license plates issued pursuant  
24 to section 60-3,203;

25 (3) Beef State license plates issued pursuant to sections

1 2 and 3 of this act;

2 ~~(3)~~ (4) Boat dealer license plates issued pursuant to  
3 section 60-379;

4 ~~(4)~~ (5) Bus license plates issued pursuant to section  
5 60-3,144;

6 ~~(5)~~ (6) Commercial motor vehicle license plates issued  
7 pursuant to section 60-3,147;

8 ~~(6)~~ (7) Dealer or manufacturer license plates issued  
9 pursuant to sections 60-3,114 and 60-3,115;

10 ~~(7)~~ (8) Disabled veteran license plates issued pursuant  
11 to section 60-3,124;

12 ~~(8)~~ (9) Farm trailer license plates issued pursuant to  
13 section 60-3,151;

14 ~~(9)~~ (10) Farm truck license plates issued pursuant to  
15 section 60-3,146;

16 ~~(10)~~ (11) Farm trucks with a gross weight of over sixteen  
17 tons license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,146;

18 ~~(11)~~ (12) Fertilizer trailer license plates issued  
19 pursuant to section 60-3,151;

20 ~~(12)~~ (13) Film vehicle license plates issued pursuant to  
21 section 60-383;

22 ~~(13)~~ (14) Gold Star Family license plates issued pursuant  
23 to sections 60-3,122.01 and 60-3,122.02;

24 ~~(14)~~ (15) Handicapped or disabled person license plates  
25 issued pursuant to section 60-3,113;

1                   ~~(15)~~(16) Historical vehicle license plates issued  
2 pursuant to sections 60-3,130 to 60-3,134;  
3                   ~~(16)~~(17) Local truck license plates issued pursuant to  
4 section 60-3,145;  
5                   ~~(17)~~(18) Minitruck license plates issued pursuant to  
6 section 60-3,100;  
7                   ~~(18)~~(19) Motor vehicle license plates for motor vehicles  
8 owned or operated by the state, counties, municipalities, or school  
9 districts issued pursuant to section 60-3,105;  
10                   ~~(19)~~(20) Motor vehicles exempt pursuant to section  
11 60-3,107;  
12                   ~~(20)~~(21) Motorcycle license plates issued pursuant to  
13 section 60-3,100;  
14                   ~~(21)~~(22) Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates issued  
15 pursuant to sections 60-3,127 to 60-3,129;  
16                   ~~(22)~~(23) Nonresident owner thirty-day license plates  
17 issued pursuant to section 60-382;  
18                   ~~(23)~~(24) Passenger car having a seating capacity of ten  
19 persons or less and not used for hire issued pursuant to section  
20 60-3,143;  
21                   ~~(24)~~(25) Passenger car having a seating capacity of ten  
22 persons or less and used for hire issued pursuant to section  
23 60-3,143;  
24                   ~~(25)~~(26) Pearl Harbor license plates issued pursuant to  
25 section 60-3,122;

1                   ~~(26)~~—(27) Personal-use dealer license plates issued  
2 pursuant to section 60-3,116;

3                   ~~(27)~~—(28) Personalized message license plates for motor  
4 vehicles and cabin trailers, except commercial motor vehicles  
5 registered for over ten tons gross weight, issued pursuant to  
6 sections 60-3,118 to 60-3,121;

7                   ~~(28)~~—(29) Prisoner-of-war license plates issued pursuant  
8 to section 60-3,123;

9                   ~~(29)~~—(30) Purple Heart license plates issued pursuant to  
10 section 60-3,125;

11                   ~~(30)~~—(31) Recreational vehicle license plates issued  
12 pursuant to section 60-3,151;

13                   ~~(31)~~—(32) Repossession license plates issued pursuant to  
14 section 60-375;

15                   ~~(32)~~—(33) Specialty license plates issued pursuant to  
16 sections 60-3,104.01 and 60-3,104.02;

17                   ~~(33)~~—(34) Trailer license plates issued for trailers  
18 owned or operated by the state, counties, municipalities, or school  
19 districts issued pursuant to section 60-3,106;

20                   ~~(34)~~—(35) Trailer license plates issued pursuant to  
21 section 60-3,100;

22                   ~~(35)~~—(36) Trailers exempt pursuant to section 60-3,108;

23                   ~~(36)~~—(37) Transporter license plates issued pursuant to  
24 section 60-378;

25                   ~~(37)~~—(38) Trucks or combinations of trucks, truck-

1 tractors, or trailers which are not for hire and engaged in soil and  
2 water conservation work and used for the purpose of transporting pipe  
3 and equipment exclusively used by such contractors for soil and water  
4 conservation construction license plates issued pursuant to section  
5 60-3,149;

6 ~~(38)~~(39) Utility trailer license plates issued pursuant  
7 to section 60-3,151; and

8 ~~(39)~~(40) Well-boring apparatus and well-servicing  
9 equipment license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,109.

10 Sec. 5. Section 60-3,130.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
11 Nebraska, is amended to read:

12 60-3,130.04 (1) An owner of a historical vehicle eligible  
13 for registration under section 60-3,130 may use a license plate or  
14 plates designed by this state in the year corresponding to the model  
15 year when the vehicle was manufactured in lieu of the plates designed  
16 pursuant to section 60-3,130.03 subject to the approval of the  
17 department. The department shall inspect the plate or plates and may  
18 approve the plate or plates if it is determined that the model-year  
19 license plate or plates are legible and serviceable and that the  
20 license plate numbers do not conflict with or duplicate other numbers  
21 assigned and in use. An original-issued license plate or plates that  
22 have been restored to original condition may be used when approved by  
23 the department.

24 (2) The department may consult with a recognized car club  
25 in determining whether the year of the license plate or plates to be

1 used corresponds to the model year when the vehicle was manufactured.

2 (3) If only one license plate is used on the vehicle, the  
3 license plate shall be placed on the rear of the vehicle. The owner  
4 of a historical vehicle may use only one plate on the vehicle even  
5 for years in which two license plates were issued for vehicles in  
6 general.

7 (4) License plates used pursuant to this section  
8 corresponding to the year of manufacture of the vehicle shall not be  
9 personalized message license plates, Pearl Harbor license plates,  
10 prisoner-of-war license plates, disabled veteran license plates,  
11 Purple Heart license plates, amateur radio station license plates,  
12 Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates, handicapped or disabled person  
13 license plates, ~~or~~ specialty license plates, or Beef State license  
14 plates.

15 Sec. 6. Original sections 60-3,104 and 60-3,130.04,  
16 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 60-301, Revised  
17 Statutes Supplement, 2011, are repealed.