

**One Hundred Second Legislature - Second Session - 2012**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB896**

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**Chairperson: Senator Deb Fischer**

**Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications**

**Date of Hearing: January 31, 2012**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

As a consequence of dramatically unequal bargaining power between motor vehicle dealers and manufacturers, all 50 states regulate the franchises. LB 896 continues the State of Nebraska's updating of laws in response to industry changes.

The bill addresses current practices by some manufacturers regarding payments of incentives to dealers, and audits of those incentive payments. It limits the time for payment of the incentives as well as the time for the audits to be conducted. It also gives a dealer the opportunity to correct and resubmit a disallowed claim, and requires the appeal process to be exhausted before any funds can be taken from the dealer's account.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Deb Fischer**