

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB757

Hearing Date: Tuesday January 21, 2014
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Smith
One Liner: Create a mailbox location exception and repeal an obsolete road numbering system requirement

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Brasch, Dubas, Hadley, McCoy, Murante, Smith, Watermeier
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Janssen
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:

Senator Jim Smith
Randall Peters

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Department of Roads

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB757 was brought by the Department of Roads to update statutes for three particular items.

First, the bill relaxes the requirement that a mailbox must be placed one foot outside the shoulder line of a highway. Highway shoulders are generally wider now than when the statute was originally written in 1961.

Second, the bill makes the Department's adoption of rules and regulations for wayside areas permissive, changes "shall" to "may". The state has fewer than six wayside areas remaining.

Third, the bill repeals a requirement for counties to develop a road numbering system after the Department develops rules and regulations. The statute was last changed in 1971, prior to the implementation of common road numbering systems required for 911 service, and the Board never developed rules and regulations. The changes allow the Department to be in compliance with LB617 (2011).

Section-by-section description:

Section 1: Amends 39-1010, regarding Rural Mail Routes, to allow a mailbox located on a state highway to encroach on the shoulder line if such highway has a hard shoulder surface of eight feet or more. Defines "shoulder line". Modernizes language referring to persons as "he".

Section 2: Amends 81-710, regarding State Wayside Areas, to make permissive the requirement to promulgate rules and regulations for state wayside areas.

Section 3: Repeals the original statutes for sections 39-1010 and 81-710.

Section 4: Outright repeals 39-2123 the county road-numbering statute.

Annette Dubas, Chairperson