

## ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 236**

Introduced by Harms, 48.

PURPOSE: In 1990 there were 223,068 Nebraska citizens age 65 and older. By 2020, it is projected there will be approximately 323,620 Nebraskans age 65 and older, and 411,527 Nebraskans age 65 and older by 2030. These population projections are based on an increasingly aging population due to advances in medicine, science, and technology which combine to enhance the quality of life and longevity. The purpose of this resolution is to conduct a study to explore methods by which to prevent increases in motor vehicle injuries and fatalities due to these aging population forecasts. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) The type and scope of tests available for use by the Department of Motor Vehicles as a screening tool to detect medical impairments, including an assessment of existing measures or resources currently available or in use by the department;

(2) How exams that detect a medical impairment may provide transportation and safety benefits;

(3) The appropriate age at which to conduct an exam that measures medical impairment;

(4) Any pertinent research regarding medical impairment and dementia and the effectiveness of a doctor's evaluation in the conduct of an exam, and research into which medical experts and physicians are

qualified to detect these conditions and consult with the Legislature and the Department of Motor Vehicles on the signs and implications of these conditions;

(5) The fiscal impact associated with hiring or use of additional personnel to conduct exams at the Department of Motor Vehicles;

(6) The potential effect of access to public transportation on an individual who has a disability which affects safe driving in deciding to voluntarily relinquish driving privileges; and

(7) The opportunity to utilize driving courses targeted to older Nebraskans to improve safe driving and help determine appropriate retirement from driving.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature on or before December 31, 2013.