

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)
LB220

Hearing Date: Monday January 26, 2015
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Smith
One Liner: Provide for Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial license plates and distribute fees

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Brasch, Davis, Friesen, Garrett, McCoy, Murante, Seiler, Smith
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Jim Smith
John Gale
Michael Smith

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission
State Historical Society

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Section 8 of the bill authorizes the design and issuance of a new classification of motor vehicle license plate, the Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial Plate. In designing such plate the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is required to consult with the Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission and other interested parties. The following design parameters are prescribed: enhanced marketability of the plates; and maintaining cost of plate manufacture to an amount equal to or less than the cost charged for license plate issuance pursuant to section 60-3,102 (up to \$3.50 may be charged for license plates and renewal tabs).

The Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial plate shall be available as an alphanumeric or as a personalized message plate. The alphanumeric version of the plate shall display up to 7 characters and shall not display county designators.

Applications for the Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial Plate may be made to the DMV commencing October 1, 2015 and shall end December 31, 2022. The DMV shall not issue or renew any Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial Plate beginning January 1, 2023. The plate may be issued to any motor vehicle or trailer, other than vehicles registered as apportioned vehicles operated in interstate commerce.

Fees:

Application for and annual renewal of the Nebraska Sesquicentennial Plate shall include the payment of a fee of \$70. The original and renewal Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial Plate fee of \$70 shall be distributed as follows: 15% to the

DMV Cash Fund; and 85% to the Nebraska Sesquicentennial Proceeds Cash Fund. When the plate issued is a personalized message plate the \$70 original issuance and renewal fee shall be distributed as follows: 43% to the DMV Cash Fund; and 57% to the Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial Plate Proceeds Fund.

A Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial Plate may be transferred to another vehicle owned by the holder of the plate upon payment of a fee of \$3. The fee is to be deposited to the DMV Cash Fund.

Beginning October 1, 2015 until July 1, 2018 the Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial Plate Proceeds Fund shall be used by the Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission to carry out the observance of Nebraska's 150 anniversary of statehood in 2017. After July 1, 2018, any money in the fund shall be transferred quarterly to the Historical Society Cash Fund.

The bill modifies the Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial Commission's authority by providing that the commission shall emphasize events and activities that promote the state and the economy by focusing on history, cultural diversity and unique geography. The commission is also directed to allocate 5% of the fund existing on January 1, 2017 for grants to support local events or projects that meet standards established by the commission. The commission is to report to the Legislature by July 1 of 2016, 2017, and 2018 on expenditures made from the fund.

Jim Smith, Chairperson