

**ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB811**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday January 19, 2016  
**Committee On:** Transportation and Telecommunications  
**Introducer:** Brasch  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to counties' use of alphanumeric and county number system license plates

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

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**Vote Results:**

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

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Lydia Brasch  
Rhonda Lahm

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

Larry Dix

**Representing:**

Nebraska Association of County Officials

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

Amends section 60-370; county designation on motor vehicle license plates.

The section prescribes the list of county license plates designation numbers.

The section currently provides that in counties over 100,000 population (Douglas, Sarpy, and Lancaster) license plates shall be issued using the alphanumeric system rather than the county number system. (In all other counties the county board has the option of using the alphanumeric system for license plates.)

The bill amends the section as follows:

- 1) Current law requires that farm trucks be registered using the county number system in all counties, even those counties which employ alphanumeric license plate designation. This requirement is eliminated- therefore in counties using alphanumeric license plates, farm trucks will also display alphanumeric plates. Farm trucks will still be required to display the words "FARM TRUCK" "NOT FOR HIRE" and the appropriate tonnage sticker.
  - 2)Amends the rule and regulation authority of the Department of Motor Vehicles. Language is added concerning rules regarding alphanumeric license plates. The department may designate plate types that shall display county numbers on a statewide basis, taking into consideration cost, the need for uniformity, factors applicable to production, distribution, the use of plate types and any other factors the director of motor vehicles deems relevant; and
  - 3)The bill has an operative date of January 1, 2017.
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Jim Smith, Chairperson