

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2018
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB42

Hearing Date: Monday February 27, 2017
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Hilkemann
One Liner: Change occupant protection system provisions for children and adopt certain federal safety provisions

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	5	Senators Bostelman, Briese, Friesen, Hilgers, Smith
Nay:	3	Senators Geist, Hughes, Murante
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Robert Hilkemann
Jennifer Brock
Rose White
Laurie Klosterboer
Laura Osborne
Amy Borg
Amanda Ablott
Christa Thelen

Representing:

District 4
Aidan's Animals
AAA - The Auto Club Group
Nebraska Safety Council
Southeast Safety for Kids
CHI Health
Mary Lanning Healthcare
National Safety Council Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

The bill amends provisions of law related to the utilization of motor vehicle child safety restraint devices.

Current law requires any child up to 6 years of age be secured in an approved child safety restraint device that is correctly installed in the vehicle.

LB 42 amends the law as follows:

The maximum age when use of an approved restraint device must be utilized is revised from up to 6 years of age to up to 8 years of age; and

The device must occupy the rear seat of the vehicle, if available, and all children up to 2 years of age shall use a rear-facing device until the child outgrows the height or weight requirements established by the manufacturer.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 750 provides clarification that riders under the age of eight years are to ride in the back seats if (a) the seats are equipped with a qualified and correctly installed passenger restraint system, and (b) the seats are not already occupied by a child under the age of eight. The language relating to when children up to two years of age are no longer required to use a rear-facing child passenger restraint system because of a child's height or weight is also clarified.

Curt Friesen, Chairperson