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LEGISLATIVE BILL 82

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Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Motor Vehicles; to amend
- 2 section 60-601, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016; to
- 3 require the department to include certain traffic stop safety
- 4 information in the Nebraska Driver's Manual; to harmonize
- 5 provisions; and to repeal the original section.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 60-601, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2016, is amended to read:

3 60-601 Sections 60-601 to 60-6,383 and section 2 of this act shall
4 be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Rules of the Road.

5 Sec. 2. (1) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall include in the
6 Nebraska Driver's Manual at the next scheduled update of the manual the
7 following information:

8 TRAFFIC STOP SAFETY

9 Traffic stops can be stressful, but responding in a calm manner can
10 help to resolve the event as expediently as possible. Anytime a police
11 officer stops your vehicle, for the driver's safety and the safety of
12 others, it is recommended you do the following:

13 (a) Signal your intention to turn or pull over and drive as close as
14 safely possible to the right edge of the road, stop, and park your
15 vehicle safely away from oncoming traffic;

16 (b) Turn off your vehicle engine and radio. Roll down your window so
17 that you can communicate with the officer;

18 (c) If it is nighttime, turn on your vehicle's interior light as
19 soon as you stop and before the officer approaches;

20 (d) Limit movement in your vehicle. Do not reach for anything in
21 your vehicle until instructed to do so. This also applies to any
22 passengers;

23 (e) If you are transporting any type of firearm, alert the officer
24 immediately. The officer is allowed to ask for and hold the weapon for
25 the duration of the traffic stop;

26 (f) Place your hands open palm on the steering wheel and request
27 that your passengers also have their hands in view;

28 (g) Keep your vehicle doors closed as the officer approaches the
29 vehicle. Stay inside your vehicle, unless the officer requests you to get
30 out;

31 (h) Keep your seat belt fastened until the officer has viewed that

1 you are appropriately restrained;

2 (i) Wait until the officer requests that you retrieve your driver's
3 license, registration, and insurance cards. Never hand the officer your
4 wallet. Once you have handed the officer the requested paperwork, return
5 your hands to the steering wheel and keep them visible; and

6 (j) Always be polite. The officer will explain to you why you have
7 been stopped. You may receive only a warning or you may be cited for a
8 traffic violation. If you do not agree with the citation, you are
9 entitled to a court hearing where you can present your arguments. It is
10 never in your best interest to argue with the officer at the scene. If
11 you believe that you have not been treated in a professional manner or
12 you feel uncomfortable with the nature of the traffic stop, you have the
13 right to request a supervisor to the scene.

14 (2) The department may make any additions, modifications, or
15 deletions to such information as procedures change.

16 Sec. 3. Original section 60-601, Revised Statutes Cumulative
17 Supplement, 2016, is repealed.