

# **One Hundred Fifth Legislature - Second Session - 2018**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB900**

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**Chairperson: Senator Curt Friesen**

**Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications**

**Date of Hearing: January 23, 2018**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB900 is the annual Legislative update which adopts the Federal Motor Carrier Safety and Hazardous Material Regulations which are in effect as of January 1, 2018.

The adoption of these regulations is required on an annual basis to incorporate new or revised regulations into state statute. The state statutes must remain current with the federal regulations to avoid incompatibility and jeopardizing funding for Nebraska's Motor Carrier Safety Administration Program (MCSAP) and the potential loss of federal highway funds.

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) allows for the exemption of a hazardous materials endorsement for a Class A Commercial Drivers License holder for hauling diesel fuel in the state if the driver is operating in the employment as a custom harvester operation, agricultural business, farm retail outlet and supplier, or livestock feeder; and is transporting one thousand gallons or less of diesel fuel and clearly placarded.

LB900 revises Nebraska Revised Statute 60-6,294 to change the weight exemption for vehicles fueled primarily by natural gas as provided in the FAST Act.

LB900 also revises the civil penalties in Nebraska Revised Statute 75-369.03 to align with those in federal law.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

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