

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB768

Hearing Date: Tuesday January 21, 2020
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Albrecht
One Liner: Adopt and update references to federal transportation laws

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Albrecht, Bostelman, Cavanaugh, DeBoer, Friesen, Geist, Hilgers, Hughes
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Albrecht
Gerald Krolikowski
Rhonda Lahm
Loy Todd

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska State Patrol
Director, NE Dept of Motor Vehicles
NE New Car & Truck Dealers Assoc

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 768 provides for an annual update of federal regulations related to cabin trailers, low-speed vehicles, handicapped parking, motor vehicle and trailer registration, the International Registration Plan, operator's licenses and state identification cards, DMV storage of information, commercial motor vehicles, hazardous materials, occupant protection systems, the state lemon law, motor vehicle records, motor carrier safety, and the unified carrier registration plan and agreement.

In addition, the bill incorporates recent federal amendments to the REAL ID act in Sections 1, 2, 4, 13, and 14. In Section 5, odometer law is amended to conform to a change in federal law to require odometer statements increase from 10 to 20 years after vehicle manufacture. In Sections 18 and 19, language is added to make commercial learner's permit provisions consistent with federal law. Finally, Section 27 changes packaging definitions for purposes of motor carrier safety regulations incorporated into Nebraska law.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment amends Section 75-369.03 relating to penalties assessed by the Superintendent of Public Safety to interstate or intrastate motor carriers and CDL operators. The minimum and maximum penalties for violations

in this section are changed by federal regulation and such changes may be incorporated into Nebraska law to provide consistency. The civil penalties are increased for a motor carrier who commits a railroad crossing violation, for a CDL driver in violation of an out-of-service order, and a motor carrier in violation of an out-of-service order.

Curt Friesen, Chairperson