

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB785

Hearing Date: Tuesday January 21, 2020
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Friesen
One Liner: Change vehicle size, weight, and load provisions, provide for stinger-steered automobile transporters and towaway trailer transporter combinations, and define emergency vehicle

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

Vote Results:

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

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Curt Friesen
Kyle Schneweis
Loy Todd

Representing:

Introducer
Director, DOT
NE New Car & Truck Dealers

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 785 would amend the Nebraska Rules of the Road relating to weight, length, and load amendments for certain types of vehicles.

Section 1 would amend Section 60-6,290 to provide additional exceptions to the general 65-foot length limit for truck and trailer combinations for (1) stinger-steered automobile transporters; and (2) towaway trailer transporter combination.

A stinger-steered automobile transporter, which is used for the transport of assembled highway vehicles, could not exceed 80 feet in length, inclusive of a front overhang of less than four feet and a rear overhang of less than six feet. A towaway trailer transporter combination, which is a combination of vehicles consisting of a trailer transporter towing unit and two trailers not exceeding 26,000 pounds, could not exceed 82 feet.

Section 2 would amend Section 60-6,294 to provide additional exceptions to the general gross weight limit of 80,000 pounds for four-axle vehicle combinations on the Interstate highway system. The first exception would be for electric battery-powered vehicles, which could exceed the weight limitation by up to 2,000 pounds. The second exception would be for emergency vehicles, which could exceed the gross load limits but could not exceed 86,000 pounds. The emergency vehicles could not exceed 24,000 pounds on a single steering axle, 33,500 pounds on a single drive axle, 62,000 pounds on a tandem axle, or 52,000 pounds on a tandem rear drive steer axle.

Section 3 would amend Section 60-6,297 which relates to disabled vehicles. An exemption would be added to the

length and weight limits to allow a covered heavy-duty tow and recovery vehicle to tow a single vehicle to a place of repair or point of storage if the tow and recovery vehicle has a gross vehicle weight that is equal to or exceeds the gross vehicle weight of the disabled vehicle being transported.

Curt Friesen, Chairperson