

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB 302

HEARING DATE: 3/8/99

COMMITTEE ON: Transportation

TITLE: (C. Peterson, Dierks, Hudkins, Suttle, Thompson, Tyson) Create the Nebraska Commission on Motor Vehicle Laws

ROLL CALL VOTE – FINAL COMMITTEE ACTION

Advanced to General File

X Advanced to General File with Amendments

Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

8 Yes Senators Bromm, Jones, Dw. Pedersen, Thompson,
Baker, Janssen, C. Peterson, Hudkins

No

Present, not voting

Absent

PROPOSERS

Bud Cuca

REPRESENTING

NE Trucking Assoc.

OPPOSERS

REPRESENTING

NEUTRAL

REPRESENTING

SUMMARY OF PURPOSE AND/OR CHANGES:

The bill establishes a temporary commission to examine the motor vehicle laws in Nebraska and suggest changes, if any, that need to be made to such laws. The commission would consist of not more than 25 nor less than 20 members, and (as introduced) would terminate on January 1, 2000.

- 1 New language establishes the commission. It consists of between 20 and 25 members, appointed by the Governor. [*Further membership is added by the Committee Amendment.*] The persons on the commission must “recognize”

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the importance of motor vehicle laws, including how current statutes deal with unlicensed drivers and unregistered/uninsured motor vehicles.

A number of experts should be on the committee, including representatives of the DMV, Dep. of Insurance, Dep. of Roads, insurance companies, Nebraska Trucking Association, State Patrol, County Attorneys, general public, and members of the Legislature who have expressed an interest.

The Commission has the power to appoint further commissioners. Non-state employee members may receive actual and necessary expenses for travel with the commission. The DMV will be the lead agency, with support from the Transportation Committee of the Legislature.

- 2 The commission should examine the effectiveness of:
 - (a) 60-301, 60-302, 60-528 and any other sections it deems relevant to the problems of with unlicensed drivers and unregistered/uninsured motor vehicles;
 - (b) Federal rules and regulations and rules and regulations from other states, relevant to the problems of unlicensed drivers and unregistered/uninsured motor vehicles;
 - (c) Whether it makes sense to recodify Chapter 60 to better enforce traffic laws;
 - (d) Other matters, as relevant.
- 3 The commission shall gather data from public and private sources, in hearings, and in any other method it adopts.
On or before December 31, 1999 the commission will report its findings to the Governor and the Legislature, including any proposed legislation.
The commission will terminate on January 1, 2000 (*Changed by the Committee Amendment*)
- 4 The bill contains the Emergency Clause.

EXPLANATION OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1. The amendment adds the Chairpersons of the Transportation Committee and Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee (or their respective designees) as *ex officio* members of the commission.
2. The amendment moves the termination date of the Commission to July 1, 2000.

Senator

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