



Ninety-Eighth Legislature - Second Session - 2004
Committee Statement
LB 859

Hearing Date: February 9, 2004

Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications

Introducer(s): (Vrtiska, Janssen)

Title: Provide for Shriner's license plates

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

5	Yes	Senators Smith, Stuthman, Dw. Pedersen, Hudkins and Aguilar
1	No	Senator Baker
	Present, not voting	
2	Absent	Senators Jones and Brown

Proponents:

Senator Floyd Vrtiska
 Ronald D. Hoffman
 Chris Knoche
 Al Borchardt

Representing:

Introducer
 Nebraska Shriners
 Shrine
 Shrine

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative bill 859 would provide for Shriners license plates. The bill allows the Department of Motor Vehicles to design a plate with a facsimile of the Shriner emblems and across the bottom of the design the words “Shriners Help Children”. The fee for the plates shall be the regular license fee plus an additional \$20. The fees shall be remitted to the DMV Cash Fund. There shall be two types of Shriners plates – a numerical designation and personalized message plates. Subsection (3) requires at least 500 prepaid applications for either plate before DMV begins production of the plates. Replacement license plates may be issued as provided in §60-324.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The committee amendment, AM 2730, replaces the bill.

Section 1 of the amendment requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to design license plates to be known as Shriners Plates. The plates would include a facsimile of the Shriner emblems and across the bottom of the design the words 'Shriners Help Children'. The design shall be selected on the basis of (a) enhancing the marketability of the plates and (b) limited the manufacturing cost. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the act.

Subsection (2) allows one type of plate to be consecutively numbered plates.

Subsection (3) allows one type of plates to be personalized message plates.

Section 2 allows an individual to apply for a Shriners plate as prescribed. Under subsection (2)(a), each application for the initial issuance or the renewal of consecutively numbered Shriners plates shall be accompanied by a fee of fifteen dollars. Two-thirds of the fees collected shall be credited to the Shriners Travel and Lodging Assistance Fund and one-third shall be credited to the DMV Cash Fund.

Under subsection (2)(b), each application for the initial issuance or the renewal of personalized message plates shall be accompanied by a fee of forty dollars. Twenty-five percent of the fees collected shall be credited to the Shriners Travel and Lodging Assistance Fund and one-third shall be credited to the DMV Cash Fund.

Subsection (3) requires the department to deliver the plates to the county in which the vehicle is registered after receipt of an application. Shriners Plates shall be issued in lieu of regular license plates when the other provisions of law for registration are met. Replacement plates may be issued pursuant to §60-324.

Subsection (4)(a) allows the owner of a motor vehicle bearing Shriners plates to apply to have the plates transferred to another vehicle owned by the owner of the plates. Subsection (4)(b) allows the owner to have the unused portion of the plate fee credited to the other vehicle which will bear the plates at the rate of eight and one-third percent per month for each full month left in the registration period. Subsection (4)(c) requires a three dollar fee for transfer applications. The fee would be remitted to the DMV Cash Fund.

Subsection 5 requires the Highway Trust Fund to be credited first, rather than the DMV Cash Fund, if the cost of manufacturing Shriners Plates exceed the amount charged.

Sections 3 and 4 of the amendment adds an internal reference.

Section 5 creates the Shriners Travel and Lodging Assistance Fund. The fund shall include money credited to the fund pursuant to section 2 of this act received by the Shriners for the

purpose of providing traveling and lodging assistance to patients and their parents. None of the funds received may be used for administrative or fundraising costs. The Potentate of Sesostri Shrine shall administer the fund throughout the state for the purpose of providing traveling and lodging assistance to patients and their parents.

Section 6 adds an operative date of July 1, 2005.

Section 7 is a repealer clause.

Senator Tom Baker, Chairperson