



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2006
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 925

Chairperson: Patrick J. Bourne
Committee: Judiciary
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The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 925 seeks to enhance the criminal penalties for repeat DUI offenders and those who drive on Nebraska's roadways with an exceptionally dangerous blood alcohol content (B.A.C.). The legislation:

1. Allows prosecutors to use valid prior DUI convictions, obtained within the past twenty (20) years, to enhance a convicted drunk driver's current criminal liability.
2. Creates new offenses and increases penalties for offenders convicted of three or more DUI offenses over a twenty (20) year period.
3. Increases penalties for offenders convicted of driving with a blood alcohol content (B.A.C.) of .15 or above.

Further, LB 925 seeks to strengthen and clarify certain portions of Nebraska's existing DUI and DUI related laws as follows:

1. Increases the penalties for offenders who leave the scene of property damage, injury and fatal accidents.
2. Increases the penalties for motor vehicle homicides caused by DUI.
3. Requires the imposition of a fifteen (15) year license revocation as a part of any sentence for felony Operation of a Motor Vehicle During Suspension.
4. Allows prosecutors to use blood samples obtained for medical purposes in prosecutions for Manslaughter, DUI-Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury and Motor Vehicle Homicide.
5. Requires all convicted DUI offenders to receive a chemical dependence assessment from a certified drug and alcohol counselor.

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