



**One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009**  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 372**

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**Chairperson:** Deb Fischer  
**Committee:** Transportation and Telecommunications  
**Date of Hearing:** March 9, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 372 is intended to allow the Department of Motor Vehicles to share driver license digital images and signatures with certified law enforcement officers employed by other state agencies in an investigative capacity. Under current law, such investigators are not allowed access to such images or signatures; this restriction may slow the investigative process. Both the Fire Marshall's office and the Department of Insurance employ certified law enforcement officers to aid those agencies in their statutory duties. This bill is written so that any state agency employing certified law enforcement officers for investigative purposes could have access to the images.

LB 372 also reduces the penalty for knowing disclosure of an image or signature in violation of the law. The current penalty is a Class IV felony and removal from office or discharge. A Class IV felony carries a maximum of 5 years imprisonment or \$10,000 fine or both. Under LB 372, the penalty becomes a Class I misdemeanor, which carries a maximum of one year imprisonment or \$1,000 fine or both. This retains a serious penalty for anyone with access to such images or signatures, but is more in line with other penalties for similar violations found in the criminal code.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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