

**ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB785**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday January 25, 2016  
**Committee On:** Transportation and Telecommunications  
**Introducer:** Friesen  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act

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

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	7	Senators Brasch, Friesen, Garrett, McCoy, Murante, Seiler, Smith
<b>Nay:</b>	1	Senator Davis
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Curt Friesen  
Rhonda Lahm  
Larry Dix

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles  
Nebraska Association of County Officials

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

The bill amends a number of sections of law related to the issuance of the Nebraska operator's license.

Current law provides that the Department of Motor Vehicles shall provide for the examination of individuals wanting operator's licenses and that the counties shall issue the licenses and collect all fees owed. Counties are required to provide office space for the housing of the DMV exam function and, by law, examination and issuance of operator's licenses is to occur in each county of the state. (DMV is allowed to provide for the renewal of operators licenses through their on-line portal)

The bill amends sections of law related to the issuance of operator licenses to remove the requirement that driver's license examination and license receipt issuance must occur in each county. The DMV is authorized, at the discretion of the department, to determine those counties in which it will provide for license examination and the DMV additionally may elect to collect fees and issue license receipts through department personnel. Counties are obligated to provide office space for DMV examiners only if the county collects fees and issues the license receipt.

Fees: if the DMV is the entity issuing the operator's license receipt the county portion of the fee collected shall be retained by the DMV and be deposited to the DMV Cash Fund.

A new section 8 is proposed that provides the DMV may cancel or refuse to issue an operator's license if the applicant provides an insufficient fund check, or if the financial transaction is otherwise not completed. The department must provide 7 days written notice to the applicant prior to any action, and must reinstate or issue the license upon receipt of

full payment.

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Jim Smith, Chairperson