

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB8

Hearing Date: Monday January 28, 2019
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Blood
One Liner: Allow physician medical directors to display certain vehicle lights as prescribed

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Albrecht, Bostelman, Cavanaugh, DeBoer, Friesen, Geist, Hilgers, Hughes
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Carol Blood
Eric Ernest
Perry Guido

Representing:

Introducer
self
Bellevue Fire Chief

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Daniel Olsen
Robert Chaplin

Representing:

Omaha Fire Department
self

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill amends Section 60-6,233 to allow physician medical directors to request authorization from the county sheriff to install flashing or rotating flashing red or red and blue lights on his or her vehicle when responding to an emergency. Current law limits applicants for the authorization to volunteer firefighters or peace officers.

Physician medical directors are defined in Section 38-1210. They are qualified physicians responsible for the medical supervision of out-of-hospital emergency care providers and for verification of skill proficiency of out-of-hospital emergency care providers pursuant to Sections 38-1217.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment adds a provision relating to eligibility of a physician medical director to drive with flashing red or rotating red or blue lights. It would require the person to successfully complete an emergency vehicle operator course before receiving authorization from the county sheriff.
