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Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Transportation; to amend sections 3-104, 3-158, 60-6,102, 60-6,103, 60-6,107, and 60-6,175, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018; to change and eliminate provisions relating to rules and regulations; to provide and eliminate provisions relating to school bus loading area warning signs; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 60-6,176, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,
Section 1. Section 3-104, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018, is amended to read:

3-104 (1) There is hereby created the Nebraska Aeronautics Commission which shall consist of five members, who shall be appointed by the Governor. The terms of office of the members of the commission initially appointed shall expire on March 1 of the years 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, and 1950, as designated by the Governor in making the respective appointments. As the terms of members expire, the Governor shall, on or before March 1 of each year, appoint a member of the commission for a term of five years to succeed the member whose term expires. Each member shall serve until the appointment and qualification of his or her successor. In case of a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term of a member, the appointment shall be made only for the remainder of the term. All members of the commission shall be citizens and bona fide residents of the state and, in making such an appointment, the Governor shall take into consideration the interest or training of the appointee in some one or all branches of aviation. The commission shall, in December of each year, select a chairperson for the ensuing year. The Director of Aeronautics shall serve as secretary as set forth in section 3-127. Three members shall constitute a quorum, and no action shall be taken by less than a majority of the commission.

(2) The commission shall meet upon the written call of the chairperson, the director, or any two members of the commission. Regular meetings shall be held at the office of the division but, whenever the convenience of the public or of the parties may be promoted or delay or expense may be prevented, the commission may hold meetings or proceedings at any other place designated by it. All meetings of the commission shall be open to the public. No member shall receive any salary for his or her service, but each shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred by him or her in the performance of his or her duties as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.
(3)(a) Until December 31, 2017, it shall be the duty of the
commission to advise the Governor relative to the appointment of the
Director of Aeronautics, and the commission shall report to the Governor
whenever it feels that the Director of Aeronautics is not properly
fulfilling his or her duties.

(b) Beginning January 1, 2018, the commission shall advise the
Director-State Engineer relative to the appointment of the Director of
Aeronautics, and the commission shall report to the Director-State
Engineer whenever the commission feels that the Director of Aeronautics
is not properly fulfilling his or her duties. The commission shall also
advise the Governor on the general status and state of aviation in
Nebraska.

(c) The commission shall further act in an advisory capacity to the
Director of Aeronautics and Director-State Engineer.

(4) The commission shall have, in addition, the following specific
duties: (a) To allocate state funds and approve the use of federal funds
to be spent for the construction or maintenance of airports; (b) to
designate the locations and approve sites of airports; (c) to arrange and
authorize the purchase of aircraft upon behalf of the state; (d) to
select and approve pilots to be employed by the state, if any; and (e) to
assist the Director of Aeronautics in formulating the regulations and
policies to be carried out by the division under the terms of the State
Aeronautics Act. The commission may allocate state funds for the
promotion of aviation as defined for the purpose of this section by the
division by rule and regulation. The director may designate one or more
members of the commission to represent the division in conferences with
officials of the federal government, of other states, of other agencies
or municipalities of this state, or of persons owning privately owned
public use airports.

Sec. 2. Section 3-158, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018,
is amended to read:
3-158 Any person who in the ordinary course of his or her business rents an aircraft to another person shall deliver to the renter a written notice stating the nature and extent of insurance coverage provided, if any, for the renter against loss of or damage to the hull of the aircraft or liability arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of the aircraft. The notice shall contain the name of the person giving the notice and shall be in the form prescribed by rule or regulation which the division shall adopt and promulgate.

Sec. 3. Section 60-6,102, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018, is amended to read:

60-6,102 In the case of a driver who dies within four hours after being in a motor vehicle accident, including a motor vehicle accident in which one or more persons in addition to such driver is killed, and of a pedestrian sixteen years of age or older who dies within four hours after being struck by a motor vehicle, the coroner or other official performing the duties of coroner shall examine the body and cause such tests to be made as are necessary to determine the amount of alcohol or drugs in the body of such driver or pedestrian. Such information shall be included in each report submitted pursuant to sections 60-6,101 to 60-6,104 and shall be tabulated on a monthly basis by the Department of Transportation. Such information, including the identity of the deceased and any such amount of alcohol or drugs, shall be public information and may be released or disclosed as provided by in rules and regulations of the department.

Sec. 4. Section 60-6,103, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018, is amended to read:

60-6,103 Any surviving driver or pedestrian sixteen years of age or older who is involved in a motor vehicle accident in which a person is killed shall be requested, if he or she has not otherwise been directed by a peace officer to submit to a chemical test under section 60-6,197, to submit to a chemical test of blood, urine, or breath as the peace officer directs for the purpose of determining the amount of alcohol or
drugs in his or her body fluid. The results of such test shall be
reported in writing to the Director-State Engineer who shall tabulate
such results on a monthly basis. Such information, including the identity
of such driver or pedestrian and any such amount of alcohol or drugs,
shall be public information and may be released or disclosed as provided
by in rules and regulations of the Department of Transportation. The
provisions of sections 60-6,199, 60-6,200, and 60-6,202 shall, when
applicable, apply to the tests provided for in this section.

Sec. 5. Section 60-6,107, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2018, is amended to read:

60-6,107 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section,
the Department of Health and Human Services shall adopt necessary rules
and regulations for the administration of the provisions of sections
60-6,101 to 60-6,106.

(2) The Department of Transportation may shall adopt and promulgate
rules and regulations which shall provide for the release and disclosure
of the results of tests conducted under sections 60-6,102 and 60-6,103.

Sec. 6. Section 60-6,175, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2018, is amended to read:

60-6,175 (1) Upon meeting or overtaking, from the front or rear, any
school bus on which the yellow warning signal lights are flashing, the
driver of a motor vehicle shall reduce the speed of such vehicle to not
more than twenty-five miles per hour, shall bring such vehicle to a
complete stop when the school bus is stopped, the stop signal arm is
extended, and the flashing red signal lights are turned on, and shall
remain stopped until the flashing red signal lights are turned off, the
stop signal arm is retracted, and the school bus resumes motion. This
section shall not apply to approaching traffic in the opposite direction
on a divided highway or to approaching traffic when there is displayed a
sign as provided in subsection (8) of this section directing traffic to
proceed. Any person violating this subsection shall be guilty of a Class
IV misdemeanor, shall be fined five hundred dollars, and shall be assessed points on his or her motor vehicle operator's license pursuant to section 60-4,182.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (8) of this section, the driver of any school bus, when stopping to receive or discharge pupils, shall turn on flashing yellow warning signal lights at a distance of not less than three hundred feet when inside the corporate limits of any city or village and not less than five hundred feet nor more than one thousand feet in any area outside the corporate limits of any city or village from the point where such pupils are to be received or discharged from the bus. At the point of receiving or discharging pupils, the bus driver shall bring the school bus to a stop, extend a stop signal arm, and turn on the flashing red signal lights. After receiving or discharging pupils, the bus driver shall turn off the flashing red signal lights, retract the stop signal arm, and then proceed on the route.

(3)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b) of this subsection, no school bus shall stop to load or unload pupils outside of the corporate limits of any city or village or on any part of the state highway system within the corporate limits of a city or village, unless there is at least four hundred feet of clear vision in each direction of travel.

(b) If four hundred feet of clear vision in each direction of travel is not possible as determined by the school district, a school bus may stop to load or unload pupils if there is proper signage installed indicating that a school bus stop is ahead.

(4) All pupils shall be received and discharged from the right front entrance of every school bus. If such pupils must cross a roadway, the bus driver shall instruct such pupils to cross in front of the school bus and the bus driver shall keep such school bus halted with the flashing red signal lights turned on and the stop signal arm extended until such pupils have reached the opposite side of such roadway.

(5) The driver of a vehicle upon a divided highway need not stop
upon meeting or passing a school bus which is on a different roadway or when upon a freeway and such school bus is stopped in a loading zone which is a part of or adjacent to such highway and where pedestrians are not permitted to cross the roadway.

(6) Every school bus shall bear upon the front and rear thereof plainly visible signs containing the words school bus in letters not less than eight inches high.

(7) When a school bus is being operated upon a highway for purposes other than the actual transportation of children either to or from school or school-sponsored activities, all markings thereon indicating school bus shall be covered or concealed. The stop signal arm and system of flashing yellow warning signal lights and flashing red signal lights shall not be operable through the usual controls.

(8) When a school bus is (a) parked in a designated school bus loading area which is out of the flow of traffic and which is adjacent to a school site or (b) parked on a roadway which possesses more than one lane of traffic flowing in the same direction and which is adjacent to a school site, the bus driver shall engage only the hazard warning flasher lights when receiving or discharging pupils if a school bus loading area warning sign is displayed. Such signs shall not be directly attached to any school bus but shall be free standing and placed at the rear of a parked school bus or line of parked school buses. No school district shall utilize a school bus loading area warning sign unless such sign complies with the manual. The manual shall include the requirements for size, material, construction, and required wording. The cost of any sign shall be an obligation of the school district requirements of section 60-6,176.

Sec. 7. Original sections 3-104, 3-158, 60-6,102, 60-6,103, 60-6,107, and 60-6,175, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018, are repealed.

Sec. 8. The following section is outright repealed: Section
60-6,176, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018.