

Legislature - First Session - 2019

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB698

Chairperson: Senator Curt Friesen

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

Date of Hearing: February 26, 2019

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

Amends section 60-6, 304, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018, to change load provisions and penalties for commercial motor vehicles and trailers such that no person shall drive or move a commercial motor vehicle or commercial trailer upon any highway unless the cargo or contents carried by the commercial motor vehicle or trailer are properly distributed and adequately secured to prevent the falling of cargo or contents from the vehicle. Requires that such methods of securement shall be in proper working order with no damaged or weakened components that affect performance so as to cause the cargo or contents to fall from the commercial vehicle or trailer.

Specifies that violation of this subsection is a Class III misdemeanor.

The bill also gives authority to the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety that in lieu of issues a citation to an operator, he/she may assess the owner of the vehicle a civil penalty of \$1000 for each violation of this section in the same manner as an order issued under section 75-369.04, 75-368 and any applicable federal rules and regulations.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Bruce Bostelman