AMENDMENTS TO LB807

Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

Strike the original sections and insert the following new
 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 37-112, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2022, is amended to read:

5 37-112 The Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water Cash Fund is created for the purpose of funding the program set forth in section 37-111. The 6 fund shall consist of any money credited to the fund pursuant to section 7 64 of this act 60-3,258. The fund may also receive gifts, bequests, 8 grants, or other contributions or donations from public or private 9 entities. The state investment officer shall invest any money in the fund 10 available for investment pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act 11 and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. 12

Sec. 2. Section 37-327.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

37-327.04 The Game and Parks Commission Educational Fund is created. 15 The fund shall consist of money credited pursuant to section 64 of this 16 <u>act</u> 60-3,227 and any other money as determined by the Legislature. The 17 commission shall use the fund to provide youth education programs 18 relating to wildlife conservation practices. Any money in the fund 19 20 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment 21 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. 22

Sec. 3. Section 37-811, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2022, is amended to read:

25 37-811 There is hereby created the Wildlife Conservation Fund. The 26 fund shall be used to assist in carrying out the Nongame and Endangered 27 Species Conservation Act, to pay for research into and management of the

-1-

ecological effects of the release, importation, commercial exploitation, 1 2 and exportation of wildlife species pursuant to section 37-548, and to 3 pay any expenses incurred by the Department of Revenue or any other agency in the administration of the income tax designation program 4 5 required by section 77-27,119.01. The fund shall consist of money 6 credited pursuant to section <u>64 of this act</u> 60-3,238 and any other money 7 as determined by the Legislature. The fund shall also consist of money 8 transferred from the General Fund by the State Treasurer in an amount to 9 be determined by the Tax Commissioner which shall be equal to the total amount of contributions designated pursuant to section 77-27,119.01. Any 10 11 money in the Wildlife Conservation Fund available for investment shall be 12 invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. 13

14 Sec. 4. Section 60-163, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 15 amended to read:

60-163 (1) The department shall check with its records all duplicate 16 17 certificates of title received from a county treasurer. If it appears that a certificate of title has been improperly issued, the department 18 shall cancel such certificate of title the same. Upon cancellation of any 19 20 certificate of title, the department shall notify the county treasurer 21 who issued such certificate of title the same, and such county treasurer 22 shall thereupon enter the cancellation upon the his or her records. The 23 department shall also notify the person to whom such certificate of title 24 was issued, as well as any lienholders appearing on such certificate of title thereon, of the cancellation and shall demand the surrender of such 25 26 certificate of title, but the cancellation shall not affect the validity 27 of any lien noted on such certificate of title thereon. The holder of such certificate of title shall return such certificate of title the same 28 29 to the department forthwith.

30 (2) If a certificate of registration has been issued to the holder
 31 of a certificate of title so canceled, the department shall immediately

-2-

1 cancel <u>such certificate of registration</u> the same and demand the return of 2 such certificate of registration and license <u>plate or tag</u> plates or tags, 3 and the holder of such certificate of registration and license <u>plate or</u> 4 <u>tag</u> plates or tags shall return <u>the certificate of registration and</u> 5 <u>license plate or tag</u> the same to the department <u>forthwith</u>.

6 Sec. 5. Section 60-180, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is7 amended to read:

8 60-180 (1) A person who operates in this state a vehicle for which a 9 certificate of title is required without having such certificate in 10 accordance with the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act or upon which 11 the certificate of title has been canceled is guilty of a Class III 12 misdemeanor.

(2) A person who is a dealer or acting on behalf of a dealer and who acquires, purchases, holds, or displays for sale a new vehicle without having obtained a manufacturer's or importer's certificate or a certificate of title <u>for such vehicle</u> therefor as provided for in the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act is guilty of a Class III misdemeanor.

(3) A person who fails to surrender any certificate of title or any
certificate of registration or license <u>plate or tag</u> plates or tags upon
cancellation of <u>such certificate of title</u>, <u>certificate of registration</u>,
<u>license plate</u>, <u>or tag</u> the same by the department and notice <u>of such</u>
<u>cancellation</u> thereof as prescribed in the Motor Vehicle Certificate of
Title Act is guilty of a Class III misdemeanor.

(4) A person who fails to surrender the certificate of title to the county treasurer or department as provided in section 60-169 in case of the destruction or dismantling or change of a vehicle in such respect that it is not the vehicle described in the certificate of title is guilty of a Class III misdemeanor.

30 (5) A person who purports to sell or transfer a vehicle without
 31 delivering to the purchaser or transferee thereof a certificate of title

-3-

or a manufacturer's or importer's certificate <u>for such vehicle</u> thereto
 duly assigned to such purchaser as provided in the Motor Vehicle
 Certificate of Title Act is guilty of a Class III misdemeanor.

4 (6) A person who knowingly alters or defaces a certificate of title
5 or manufacturer's or importer's certificate is guilty of a Class III
6 misdemeanor.

7 (7) Except as otherwise provided in section 60-179, a person who 8 violates any of the other provisions of the Motor Vehicle Certificate of 9 Title Act or any rules or regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to 10 the act is guilty of a Class III misdemeanor.

11 Sec. 6. Section 60-301, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 12 amended to read:

60-301 Sections 60-301 to <u>60-3,236 and sections 62, 63, and 64 of</u>
 <u>this act</u> 60-3,258 shall be known and may be cited as the Motor Vehicle
 Registration Act.

16 Sec. 7. Section 60-308, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 17 amended to read:

18 60-308 (1) Apportionable vehicle means any motor vehicle or trailer 19 used or intended for use in two or more member jurisdictions that 20 allocate or proportionally register motor vehicles or trailers and used 21 for the transportation of persons for hire or designed, used, or 22 maintained primarily for the transportation of property.

(2) Apportionable vehicle does not include any recreational vehicle,
 motor vehicle displaying <u>a</u> restricted <u>plate</u> plates, city pickup and
 delivery vehicle, or government-owned motor vehicle.

(3) An apportionable vehicle that is a power unit shall (a) have two axles and a gross vehicle weight or registered gross vehicle weight in excess of twenty-six thousand pounds or eleven thousand seven hundred ninety-three and four hundred one thousandths kilograms, (b) have three or more axles, regardless of weight, or (c) be used in combination when the weight of such combination exceeds twenty-six thousand pounds or

-4-

seven hundred ninety-three and 1 eleven thousand four hundred one 2 thousandths kilograms gross vehicle weight. Vehicles or combinations of 3 vehicles having a gross vehicle weight of twenty-six thousand pounds or eleven thousand seven hundred ninety-three and four 4 hundred one 5 thousandths kilograms or less and two-axle vehicles may be proportionally 6 registered at the option of the registrant.

Sec. 8. Section 60-366, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, isamended to read:

9 60-366 (1) Any nonresident owner who desires to register a motor 10 vehicle or trailer in this state shall register in the county where the 11 motor vehicle or trailer is domiciled or where the owner conducts a bona 12 fide business.

(2) A nonresident owner, except as provided in subsections (3) and 13 14 (4) of this section, owning any motor vehicle or trailer which has been 15 properly registered in the state, country, or other place of which the owner is a resident, and which at all times, when operated or towed in 16 17 this state, has displayed upon it the license plate or plates issued for such motor vehicle or trailer in the place of residence of such owner, 18 may operate or permit the operation or tow or permit the towing of such 19 20 motor vehicle or trailer within the state without registering such motor 21 vehicle or trailer or paying any fees to this state.

22 (3)(a) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (c) of this 23 subsection, any nonresident owner gainfully employed or present in this 24 state, operating a motor vehicle or towing a trailer in this state, shall register such motor vehicle or trailer in the same manner as a Nebraska 25 26 resident, after thirty days of continuous employment or presence in this 27 state, unless the state of <u>such owner's</u> his or her legal residence grants immunity from such requirements to residents of this state operating a 28 29 motor vehicle or towing a trailer in that state.

30 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (c) of this31 subsection, any nonresident owner who operates a motor vehicle or tows a

-5-

trailer in this state for thirty or more continuous days shall register such motor vehicle or trailer in the same manner as a Nebraska resident unless the state of <u>such owner's</u> his or her legal residence grants immunity from such requirements to residents of this state operating a motor vehicle or towing a trailer in that state.

6 (c) Any nonresident owner of a film vehicle may operate the film 7 vehicle for up to one year without registering the vehicle in this state.

8 (4)(a) The Department of Motor Vehicles or the Department of Revenue 9 may determine (i) that a limited liability company, partnership, 10 corporation, or other business entity that is organized under the laws of 11 another state or country and that owns or holds title to a recreational 12 vehicle is a shell company used to avoid proper registration of the 13 recreational vehicle in this state and (ii) that the recreational vehicle 14 is controlled by a Nebraska resident.

(b) Factors that the Department of Motor Vehicles or the Department of Revenue may consider to determine that the limited liability company, partnership, corporation, or other business entity is a shell company used to avoid proper registration of the recreational vehicle in this state include, but are not limited to:

(i) The limited liability company, partnership, corporation, or
other business entity lacks a business activity or purpose;

(ii) The limited liability company, partnership, corporation, or
other business entity does not maintain a physical location in this
state;

(iii) The limited liability company, partnership, corporation, or other business entity does not employ individual persons and provide those persons with Internal Revenue Service Form W-2 wage and tax statements; or

(iv) The limited liability company, partnership, corporation, or
other business entity fails to file federal tax returns or fails to file
a state tax return in this state.

-6-

1 (c) Factors that the Department of Motor Vehicles or the Department 2 of Revenue may consider to determine that the recreational vehicle is 3 controlled by a Nebraska resident include, but are not limited to:

4 (i) A Nebraska resident was the initial purchaser of the 5 recreational vehicle;

6 (ii) A Nebraska resident operated or stored the recreational vehicle7 in this state for any period of time;

8 (iii) A Nebraska resident is a member, partner, or shareholder or is 9 otherwise affiliated with the limited liability company, partnership, 10 corporation, or other business entity purported to own the recreational 11 vehicle; or

12 (iv) A Nebraska resident is insured to operate the recreational13 vehicle.

(d) If the Department of Motor Vehicles or the Department of Revenue
makes the determinations described in subdivision (4)(a) of this section,
there is a rebuttable presumption that:

17 (i) The Nebraska resident in control of the recreational vehicle is18 the actual owner of the recreational vehicle;

(ii) Such Nebraska resident is required to register the recreational vehicle in this state and is liable for all motor vehicle taxes, motor vehicle fees, and registration fees as provided in the Motor Vehicle Registration Act; and

(iii) The purchase of the recreational vehicle is subject to sales
or use tax under section 77-2703.

(e) The Department of Motor Vehicles or the Department of Revenue shall notify the Nebraska resident who is presumed to be the owner of the recreational vehicle that <u>such resident</u> he or she is required to register the recreational vehicle in this state, pay any applicable taxes and fees for proper registration of the recreational vehicle under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, and pay any applicable sales or use tax due on the purchase under the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 no later than thirty

-7-

1 days after the date of the notice.

2 (f)(i) For a determination made by the Department of Motor Vehicles 3 under this subsection, the Nebraska resident who is presumed to be the owner of the recreational vehicle may accept the determination and pay 4 5 the county treasurer as shown in the notice, or he or she may dispute the 6 determination and appeal the matter. Such appeal shall be filed with the 7 Director of Motor Vehicles within thirty days after the date of the 8 notice or the determination will be final. The director shall appoint a 9 hearing officer who shall hear the appeal and issue a written decision. Such appeal shall be in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. 10 11 Following a final determination in the appeal in favor of the Department of Motor Vehicles or if no further appeal is filed, the Nebraska resident 12 shall owe the taxes and fees determined to be due, together with any 13 14 costs for the appeal assessed against the owner.

(ii) For a determination made by the Department of Revenue under this subsection, the Nebraska resident who is presumed to be the owner of the recreational vehicle may appeal the determination made by the Department of Revenue, and such appeal shall be in accordance with section 77-2709.

(g) If the Nebraska resident who is presumed to be the owner of the recreational vehicle fails to pay the motor vehicle taxes, motor vehicle fees, registration fees, or sales or use tax required to be paid under this subsection, <u>such resident he or she</u> shall be assessed a penalty of fifty percent of such unpaid taxes and fees. Such penalty shall be remitted by the county treasurer or the Department of Revenue to the State Treasurer for credit to the Highway Trust Fund.

27 Sec. 9. Section 60-376, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 28 amended to read:

29 60-376 Subject to all the provisions of law relating to motor 30 vehicles and trailers not inconsistent with this section, any motor 31 vehicle dealer or trailer dealer who is regularly engaged within this

-8-

state in the business of buying and selling motor vehicles and trailers, 1 2 who regularly maintains within this state an established place of 3 business, and who desires to effect delivery of any motor vehicle or trailer bought or sold by such dealer him or her from the point where 4 5 purchased or sold to points within or outside this state may, solely for 6 the purpose of such delivery by the dealer himself or herself, the 7 dealer's his or her agent, or a bona fide purchaser, operate such motor vehicle or tow such trailer on the highways of this state without charge 8 9 or registration of such motor vehicle or trailer. A sticker shall be displayed on the front and rear window windows or the rear side window 10 11 windows of such motor vehicle, except an autocycle or a motorcycle, and 12 displayed on the front and rear of each such trailer. On the sticker shall be plainly printed in black letters the words In Transit. One In 13 14 Transit sticker shall be displayed on an autocycle or a motorcycle, which 15 sticker may be one-half the size required for other motor vehicles. Such sticker stickers shall include a registration number, which registration 16 17 number shall be different for each sticker or pair of stickers issued, and the contents of such sticker and the numbering system shall be as 18 prescribed by the department. Each dealer issuing such sticker stickers 19 20 shall keep a record of the registration number of each sticker or pair of 21 stickers on the invoice of such sale. Such sticker shall allow the such 22 owner to operate the motor vehicle or tow such trailer for a period of 23 thirty days in order to effect proper registration of the new or used 24 motor vehicle or trailer. When any person, firm, or corporation has had a motor vehicle or trailer previously registered and a license plate plates 25 26 assigned to such person, firm, or corporation, such owner may operate the 27 motor vehicle or tow such trailer for a period of thirty days in order to effect transfer of a plate plates to the new or used motor vehicle or 28 29 trailer. Upon demand of proper authorities, there shall be presented by 30 the person in charge of such motor vehicle or trailer, for examination, a duly executed bill of sale for such motor vehicle or trailer therefor or 31

-9-

other satisfactory evidence of the right of possession by such person of
 such motor vehicle or trailer.

3 Sec. 10. Section 60-392, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2022, is amended to read:

5 60-392 (1)Except as provided otherwise in this section, 6 registration may be renewed annually in a manner designated by the 7 department and upon payment of the same fee as provided for the original 8 registration. On making an application for renewal, the registration 9 certificate for the preceding registration period or renewal notice or other evidence designated by the department shall be presented with the 10 11 application. A person may renew an annual registration up to thirty days 12 prior to the date of expiration.

(2) The certificate of registration and license plate plates issued 13 14 by the department shall be valid during the registration period for which 15 they are issued, and when <u>a</u>validation <u>decal</u> decals issued pursuant to section 60-3,101 has have been affixed to the license plate plates, the 16 plate plates shall also be valid for the registration period designated 17 by such validation <u>decal</u> decals. If a person renews an annual 18 registration up to thirty days prior to the date of expiration, the 19 20 registration shall be valid for such time period as well.

(3) The registration period for motor vehicles and trailers required to be registered as provided in section 60-362 shall expire on the first day of the month one year from the month of issuance, and renewal shall become due on such day and shall become delinquent on the first day of the following month.

(4) Subsections (1) through (3) of this section do not apply to
<u>dealer or manufacturer</u> dealer's license plates, repossession <u>license</u>
plates, and transporter <u>license</u> plates as provided in sections 60-373,
60-375, 60-378, and 60-379, which plates shall be issued for a calendar
year.

31

(5) The registration period for apportioned vehicles as provided in

-10-

section 60-3,198 shall be renewed monthly, quarterly, or annually at the 1 2 discretion of the director. Such registration period expires on the last 3 day of the registration period and renewal is delinquent on the first day of the second full month following such expiration date. The department 4 5 may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to establish a staggered 6 registration system for apportioned vehicles registered pursuant to 7 section 60-3,198, including the collection of eighteen or fewer months of 8 registration fees.

9 Sec. 11. Section 60-393, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
10 amended to read:

11 60-393 Any owner who has two or more motor vehicles or trailers 12 required to be registered under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act may register all such motor vehicles or trailers on a calendar-year basis or 13 14 on an annual basis for the same registration period beginning in a month 15 chosen by the owner. When electing to establish the same registration period for all such motor vehicles or trailers, the owner shall pay the 16 17 registration fee, the motor vehicle tax imposed in section 60-3,185, the motor vehicle fee imposed in section 60-3,190, and the alternative fuel 18 fee imposed in section 60-3,191 on each motor vehicle for the number of 19 20 months necessary to extend its current registration period to the 21 registration period under which all such motor vehicles or trailers will 22 be registered. Credit shall be given for registration paid on each motor 23 vehicle or trailer when the motor vehicle or trailer has a later 24 expiration date than that chosen by the owner except as otherwise provided in sections 60-3,121, 60-3,122.02, 60-3,122.04, and sections 63 25 26 and 64 of this act 60-3,128, 60-3,224, 60-3,227, 60-3,233, 60-3,235, 27 60-3,238, 60-3,240, 60-3,242, 60-3,244, 60-3,246, 60-3,248, 60-3,250, 60-3,252, 60-3,254, 60-3,256, and 60-3,258. Thereafter all such motor 28 29 vehicles or trailers shall be registered on an annual basis starting in 30 the month chosen by the owner.

31

Sec. 12. Section 60-395, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

-11-

1 amended to read:

2 60-395 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this 3 section and sections 60-3,121, 60-3,122.02, 60-3,122.04, and sections 63 4 and 64 of this act 60-3,128, 60-3,224, 60-3,227, 60-3,231, 60-3,233, 5 60-3,235, 60-3,238, 60-3,240, 60-3,242, 60-3,244, 60-3,246, 60-3,248, 60-3,250, 60-3,252, 60-3,254, 60-3,256, and 60-3,258, the registration 6 7 shall expire and the registered owner or lessee may, by returning the 8 registration certificate, the license <u>plate</u> plates, and, when 9 appropriate, the validation <u>decal</u> decals and by either making application on a form prescribed by the department to the county treasurer of the 10 occurrence of an event described in subdivisions (a) through (e) of this 11 subsection or, in the case of a change in situs, displaying to the county 12 treasurer the registration certificate of such other state as evidence of 13 14 a change in situs, receive a refund of that part of the unused fees and 15 taxes on motor vehicles or trailers based on the number of unexpired months remaining in the registration period from the date of any of the 16 17 following events:

18

(a) Upon transfer of ownership of any motor vehicle or trailer;

(b) In case of loss of possession because of fire, natural disaster,theft, dismantlement, or junking;

21

(c) When a salvage branded certificate of title is issued;

(d) Whenever a type or class of motor vehicle or trailer previously registered is subsequently declared by legislative act or court decision to be illegal or ineligible to be operated or towed on the public roads and no longer subject to registration fees, the motor vehicle tax imposed in section 60-3,185, the motor vehicle fee imposed in section 60-3,190, and the alternative fuel fee imposed in section 60-3,191;

(e) Upon a trade-in or surrender of a motor vehicle under a lease;or

30 (f) In case of a change in the situs of a motor vehicle or trailer31 to a location outside of this state.

-12-

1 (2) If the date of the event falls within the same calendar month in 2 which the motor vehicle or trailer is acquired, no refund shall be 3 allowed for such month.

4 (3) If the transferor or lessee acquires another motor vehicle at 5 the time of the transfer, trade-in, or surrender, the transferor or 6 lessee shall have the credit provided for in this section applied toward 7 payment of the motor vehicle fees and taxes then owing. Otherwise, the 8 transferor or lessee shall file a claim for refund with the county 9 treasurer upon an application form prescribed by the department.

(4) The registered owner or lessee shall make a claim for refund or
credit of the fees and taxes for the unexpired months in the registration
period within sixty days after the date of the event or shall be deemed
to have forfeited <u>the his or her</u> right to such refund or credit.

(5) For purposes of this section, the date of the event shall be:
(a) In the case of a transfer or loss, the date of the transfer or loss;
(b) in the case of a change in the situs, the date of registration in
another state; (c) in the case of a trade-in or surrender under a lease,
the date of trade-in or surrender; (d) in the case of a legislative act,
the effective date of the act; and (e) in the case of a court decision,
the date the decision is rendered.

(6) Application for registration or for reassignment of <u>a</u>license
 <u>plate</u> plates and, when appropriate, <u>a</u>validation <u>decal</u> decals to another
 motor vehicle or trailer shall be made within thirty days of the date of
 purchase.

(7) If a motor vehicle or trailer was reported stolen under section 60-178, a refund under this section shall not be reduced for a lost plate charge and a credit under this section may be reduced for a lost plate charge but the applicant shall not be required to pay the plate fee for <u>a</u> new <u>plate</u> <u>plates</u>.

30 (8) The county treasurer shall refund the motor vehicle fee and 31 registration fee from the fees which have not been transferred to the

-13-

State Treasurer. The county treasurer shall make payment to the claimant from the undistributed motor vehicle taxes of the taxing unit where the tax money was originally distributed. No refund of less than two dollars shall be paid.

5 Sec. 13. Section 60-396, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is6 amended to read:

7 60-396 Whenever the registered owner files an application with the 8 county treasurer showing that a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is 9 disabled and has been removed from service, the registered owner may, by returning the registration certificate, the license plate plates, and, 10 11 when appropriate, the validation <u>decal</u> decals or, in the case of the 12 unavailability of such registration certificate or certificates, license plate plates, or validation decal decals, then by making an affidavit to 13 14 the county treasurer of such disablement and removal from service, 15 receive a credit for a portion of the registration fee from the fee deposited with the State Treasurer at the time of registration based upon 16 17 the number of unexpired months remaining in the registration year except as otherwise provided in sections 60-3,121, 60-3,122.02, 60-3,122.04, and 18 19 sections 63 and 64 of this act 60-3,128, 60-3,224, 60-3,227, 60-3,233, 20 60-3,235, 60-3,238, 60-3,240, 60-3,242, 60-3,244, 60-3,246, 60-3,248, 21 60-3,250, 60-3,252, 60-3,254, 60-3,256, and 60-3,258. The owner shall 22 also receive a credit for the unused portion of the motor vehicle tax and 23 fee based upon the number of unexpired months remaining in the 24 registration year. When the owner registers a replacement motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer at the time of filing such affidavit, the credit 25 26 may be immediately applied against the registration fee and the motor 27 vehicle tax and fee for the replacement motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer. When no such replacement motor vehicle, trailer, 28 or 29 semitrailer is so registered, the county treasurer shall determine the 30 amount, if any, of the allowable credit for the registration fee and the motor vehicle tax and fee and issue a credit certificate to the owner. 31

-14-

When such motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is removed from service 1 2 within the same month in which it was registered, no credits shall be 3 allowed for such month. The credits may be applied against taxes and fees for new or replacement motor vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers incurred 4 5 within one year after cancellation of registration of the motor vehicle, 6 trailer, or semitrailer for which the credits were allowed. When any such 7 motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is reregistered within the same registration year in which its registration has been canceled, the taxes 8 9 and fees shall be that portion of the registration fee and the motor vehicle tax and fee for the remainder of the registration year. 10

11 Sec. 14. Section 60-397, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 12 amended to read:

60-397 If a motor vehicle or trailer has a salvage branded 13 14 certificate of title issued as a result of an insurance company acquiring 15 the motor vehicle or trailer through a total loss settlement, the prior owner of the motor vehicle or trailer who is a party to the settlement 16 17 may receive a refund or credit of unused fees and taxes by (1) filing an application with the county treasurer within sixty days after the date of 18 the settlement stating that title to the motor vehicle or trailer was 19 20 transferred as a result of the settlement and (2) returning the 21 registration certificate, the license plate plates, and, when 22 appropriate, the validation decal decals or, in the case of the 23 unavailability of the registration certificate, license plate plates, or 24 validation decal decals, filing an affidavit with the county treasurer regarding the transfer of title due to the settlement and 25 the 26 unavailability of the certificate, license <u>plate</u> plates, or validation 27 decal decals. The owner may receive a refund or credit of the registration fees and motor vehicle taxes and fees for the unexpired 28 29 months remaining in the registration year determined based on the date 30 when the motor vehicle or trailer was damaged and became unavailable for service. When the owner registers a replacement motor vehicle or trailer 31

-15-

at the time of filing such affidavit, the credit may be immediately 1 applied against the registration fee and the motor vehicle tax and fee 2 3 for the replacement motor vehicle or trailer. When no such replacement motor vehicle or trailer is so registered, the county treasurer shall 4 5 refund the unused registration fees. If the motor vehicle or trailer was 6 damaged and became unavailable for service during the same month in which 7 it was registered, no refund or credit shall be allowed for such month. 8 When any such motor vehicle or trailer is reregistered within the same 9 registration year in which its registration has been canceled, the taxes and fees shall be that portion of the registration fee and the motor 10 11 vehicle tax and fee for the remainder of the registration year.

12 Sec. 15. Section 60-398, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 13 amended to read:

14 60-398 A nonresident who may, if he or she applies within ninety 15 days from the his or her original registration date applies for a refund and surrenders the registration certificate and license plate plates 16 17 which were assigned to such person shall him or her, receive from the county treasurer, or <u>from</u> the department if registration was <u>made</u> 18 pursuant to section 60-3,198, a refund in the amount of fifty percent of 19 20 the original license fee, fifty percent of the motor vehicle tax imposed 21 in section 60-3,185, and fifty percent of the motor vehicle fee imposed 22 in section 60-3,190, except that no refunds shall be made on any 23 registration certificate and license plate surrendered after the ninth 24 month of the registration period for which the motor vehicle or trailer 25 was registered.

26 Sec. 16. Section 60-399, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 27 amended to read:

60-399 (1) Except as otherwise specifically provided, no person shall operate or park or cause to be operated or parked a motor vehicle or tow or park or cause to be towed or parked a trailer on the highways unless such motor vehicle or trailer has displayed the proper <u>license</u>

-16-

plate number of plates as required in the Motor Vehicle Registration Act. 1 In each registration period in which <u>a</u> new license <u>plate is</u> plates 2 3 are not issued, a previously issued license plate plates shall have affixed to such plate thereto the validation decal decals issued pursuant 4 5 to section 60-3,101. In all cases such license plate plates shall be securely fastened in an upright position to the motor vehicle or trailer 6 7 so as to prevent such plate plates from swinging and at a minimum 8 distance of twelve inches from the ground to the bottom of the license 9 plate. No person shall attach to or display on such motor vehicle or trailer any (a) license plate or registration certificate other than as 10 11 assigned to it for the current registration period, (b) fictitious or altered license <u>plate</u> plates or registration certificate, (c) license 12 plate plates or registration certificate that has been canceled by the 13 14 department, or (d) license <u>plate</u> <u>plates</u> lacking <u>a</u>current validation 15 <u>decal</u> decals.

16 (2) A11 letters, numbers, printing, writing, and other 17 identification marks upon such plate plates and certificate shall be kept clear and distinct and free from grease, dust, or other blurring matter, 18 so that they shall be plainly visible at all times during daylight and 19 20 under artificial light in the nighttime.

21 Sec. 17. Section 60-3,100, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 22 amended to read:

23 60-3,100 (1)(a) (1) The department shall issue to every person 24 whose motor vehicle or trailer is registered:

(i) Until the license plate issuance cycle beginning in 2029, one or two fully reflectorized license plates. The department may continue to charge a fee for the issuance of two license plates regardless of the number of license plates that are required to be displayed on a motor vehicle or trailer pursuant to subdivision (2)(a) of this section; and

30 (ii) For the license plate issuance cycle beginning in 2029, one
 31 fully reflectorized license plate.

1 (b) Upon each plate there upon which shall be displayed (i) (a) the 2 registration number consisting of letters and numerals assigned to such 3 motor vehicle or trailer in figures not less than two and one-half inches 4 nor more than three inches in height and (ii) (b) also the word Nebraska 5 suitably lettered so as to be attractive.

6 (c) The license <u>plate</u> <u>plates</u> shall be of a color designated by the 7 director. The color of the <u>plate</u> <u>plates</u> shall be changed each time the 8 license <u>plate is</u> <u>plates are</u> changed. Each time the license <u>plate is</u> 9 <u>plates are</u> changed, the director shall secure competitive bids for 10 materials pursuant to sections 81-145 to 81-162.

(d) Autocycle, motorcycle, minitruck, low-speed vehicle, and trailer
 license plate letters and numerals may be one-half the size of those
 required in <u>subdivision (b) of this subsection</u> this section.

14 (2)(a) Only one license plate that is issued to a motor vehicle or 15 trailer is required to be prominently displayed on such motor vehicle or 16 trailer. Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (d) of this 17 subsection, such license plate shall be prominently displayed on the rear 18 of such motor vehicle or trailer.

(b) If a pair of license plates has been issued for a motor vehicle, only one of such license plates is required to be displayed on such motor vehicle and such display shall be in a manner that complies with subdivision (a) of this subsection. In addition to complying with the license plate display requirement of subdivision (a) of this subsection, a motor vehicle may prominently display the other license plate issued to such motor vehicle on the front of such motor vehicle.

(c) If only one license plate from a pair of license plates is
 displayed on a motor vehicle or trailer pursuant to subdivision (b) of
 this subsection, the license plate that is not being displayed shall not
 be eligible for a refund while the displayed license plate is being
 displayed pursuant to subdivision (b) of this subsection.

31 (d) A license plate issued for a motor vehicle pursuant to section

-18-

1 <u>60-3,198 or a truck-tractor shall be prominently displayed on the front</u>
2 <u>of such vehicle.</u>

3 (e) For any motor vehicle that was issued one license plate and a
4 license decal under subdivision (2)(c)(i) of this section, as such
5 subdivision existed one day prior to the operative date of this act:

6 (i) Such motor vehicle is not required to display such license
7 decal; and

8 <u>(ii) Such license plate shall remain a valid license plate until the</u> 9 <u>next license plate issuance cycle after the operative date of this act.</u> 10 <u>Any such single license plate shall be treated as a regular license plate</u> 11 <u>for purposes of annual registration of the motor vehicle or trailer.</u>

12 (f) For any license plate that was issued on a permanent basis prior 13 to the operative date of this act, the department shall not reissue such 14 license plate merely due to the passage of this legislative bill without 15 some other statutory reason for the reissuance of the license plate.

16 (2)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, two license 17 plates shall be issued for every motor vehicle. (b) One license plate shall be issued for (i) apportionable vehicles, (ii) buses, (iii) 18 dealers, (iv) minitrucks, (v) motorcycles, other than autocycles, (vi) 19 special interest motor vehicles that use the special interest motor 20 21 vehicle license plate authorized by and issued under section 60-3,135.01, 22 (vii) trailers, and (viii) truck-tractors. (c)(i) One license plate shall 23 be issued, upon request and compliance with this subdivision, for any 24 passenger car which is not manufactured to be equipped with a bracket on 25 the front of the vehicle to display a license plate. A license decal 26 shall be issued with the license plate as provided in subdivision (ii) of 27 this subdivision and shall be displayed on the driver's side of the 28 windshield. In order to request a single license plate and license decal, 29 there shall be an additional annual nonrefundable registration fee of 30 fifty dollars plus the cost of the decal paid to the county treasurer at 31 the time of registration. All fees collected under this subdivision shall

1 be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Highway Trust Fund. 2 (ii) The department shall design, procure, and furnish to the county 3 treasurers a license decal which shall be displayed as evidence that a 4 license plate has been obtained under this subdivision. Each county 5 treasurer shall furnish a license decal to the person obtaining the 6 plate. (d) When two license plates are issued, one shall be prominently 7 displayed at all times on the front and one on the rear of the registered 8 motor vehicle or trailer. When only one plate is issued, it shall be 9 prominently displayed on the rear of the registered motor vehicle or 10 trailer.

When only one plate is issued for motor vehicles registered pursuant to section 60-3,198 and truck-tractors, it shall be prominently displayed on the front of the apportionable vehicle.

Sec. 18. Section 60-3,101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, is amended to read:

16 60-3,101 (1) License plates shall be issued every six years 17 beginning with the license plates issued in the year 2005.

18 (2) In the years in which plates are not issued, in lieu of issuing 19 such license plates, the department shall furnish to every person whose 20 motor vehicle or trailer is registered one or two validation decal 21 decals, as the case may be. Such validation decal decals shall bear the 22 year for which issued and be so constructed as to permit <u>it them</u> to be 23 permanently affixed to the <u>plate plates</u>.

(3) This section shall not apply to license plates issued pursuant
to sections 60-3,203 and 60-3,228.

26 Sec. 19. Section 60-3,102, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 27 2022, is amended to read:

60-3,102 (1) Whenever <u>a</u> new license <u>plate</u> plates, including <u>a</u> duplicate or replacement license <u>plate</u>, <u>is</u> plates, are issued to any person, a fee per plate <u>fee</u> shall be charged in addition to all other required fees. The license plate fee shall be determined by the

-20-

31

sections 60-3,114 and 60-3,115;

department and shall only cover the cost of the license plate and 1 2 validation decal decals but shall not exceed eight dollars and fifty 3 cents (a) Three dollars and fifty cents through December 31, 2022; and 4 (b) Four dollars and twenty-five cents beginning January 1, 2023. 5 (2) All fees collected pursuant to this section shall be remitted to 6 the State Treasurer for credit to the Highway Trust Fund. 7 (3) This section shall not apply to license plates issued pursuant 8 to section 60-3,122, 60-3,122.02, 60-3,123, 60-3,124, or 60-3,125. 9 Sec. 20. Section 60-3,104, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read: 10 60-3,104 The department shall issue the following types of license 11 12 plates: 13 (1) Alternate license plates issued pursuant to sections 62, 63, and 14 64 of this act; 15 (2) (1) Amateur radio station license plates issued pursuant to 16 section 60-3,126; 17 (3) (2) Apportionable vehicle license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,203; 18 19 (4) (3) Autocycle license plates issued pursuant to section 20 60 - 3, 100;(5) (4) Boat dealer license plates issued pursuant to section 21 22 60-379; 23 (5) Breast Cancer Awareness Plates issued pursuant to sections 24 60-3,230 and 60-3,231; 25 (6) Bus license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,144; 26 (7) Choose Life License Plates issued pursuant to sections 60-3,232 27 and 60-3,233; 28 (7) (8) Commercial motor vehicle license plates issued pursuant to 29 section 60-3,147; 30 (8) (9) Dealer or manufacturer license plates issued pursuant to

-21-

1 (9) (10) Disabled veteran license plates issued pursuant to section 2 60-3,124; 3 (11) Donate Life Plates issued pursuant to sections 60-3,245 and 60-3,246; 4 5 (12) Down Syndrome Awareness Plates issued pursuant to sections 6 60-3,247 and 60-3,248; (10) (13) Farm trailer license plates issued pursuant to section 7 8 60-3,151; 9 (11) (14) Farm truck license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3, 146;10 (12) (15) Farm trucks with a gross weight of over sixteen tons 11 12 license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,146; (13) (16) Fertilizer trailer license plates issued pursuant to 13 14 section 60-3,151; 15 (14) (17) Former military vehicle license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,236; 16 17 (15) (18) Gold Star Family license plates issued pursuant to sections 60-3,122.01 and 60-3,122.02; 18 (16) (19) Handicapped or disabled person license plates issued 19 20 pursuant to section 60-3,113; 21 (17) (20) Historical vehicle license plates issued pursuant to 22 sections 60-3,130 to 60-3,134; 23 (21) Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water Plates issued pursuant to 24 section 60-3,258; 25 (18) (22) Local truck license plates issued pursuant to section 26 60-3,145; 27 (19) (23) Metropolitan utilities district license plates issued 28 pursuant to section 60-3,228; 29 (20) (24) Military Honor Plates issued pursuant to sections 30 60-3,122.03 and 60-3,122.04; 31 (21) (25) Minitruck license plates issued pursuant to section -22-

31

section 60-3,116;

1 60 - 3, 100;(22) (26) Motor vehicle license plates for motor vehicles owned or 2 3 operated by the state, counties, municipalities, or school districts 4 issued pursuant to section 60-3,105; 5 (23) (27) Motor vehicles exempt pursuant to section 60-3,107; 6 (24) (28) Motorcycle license plates issued pursuant to section 7 60-3,100; 8 (29) Mountain Lion Conservation Plates issued pursuant to sections 9 60-3,226 and 60-3,227; 10 (30) Native American Cultural Awareness and History Plates issued pursuant to sections 60-3,234 and 60-3,235; 11 12 (31) Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates issued pursuant to sections 13 60-3,127 to 60-3,129; 14 (32) Nebraska History Plates issued pursuant to sections 60-3,255 15 and 60-3,256; 16 (33) Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial Plates issued pursuant to 17 sections 60-3,223 to 60-3,225; (25) (34) Nonresident owner thirty-day license plates issued 18 19 pursuant to section 60-382; 20 (26) Organizational license plates issued pursuant to sections 21 60-3,104.01 and 60-3, 104.02; 22 (27) (35) Passenger car having a seating capacity of ten persons or 23 less and not used for hire issued pursuant to section 60-3,143 other than autocycles; 24 25 (28) (36) Passenger car having a seating capacity of ten persons or 26 less and used for hire issued pursuant to section 60-3,143 other than 27 autocycles; (29) (37) Pearl Harbor license plates issued pursuant to section 28 29 60-3,122; 30 (30) (38) Personal-use dealer license plates issued pursuant to

-23-

(31) (39) Personalized message license plates for motor vehicles, 1 trailers, and semitrailers, except motor vehicles, trailers, 2 and 3 semitrailers registered under section 60-3,198, issued pursuant to 4 sections 60-3,118 to 60-3,121; 5 (40) Pets for Vets Plates issued pursuant to sections 60-3,249 and 6 60-3,250; 7 (32) (41) Prisoner-of-war license plates issued pursuant to section 8 60-3,123; 9 (42) Prostate Cancer Awareness Plates issued pursuant to section 10 60-3,240; (33) (43) Public power district license plates issued pursuant to 11 section 60-3,228; 12 13 (34) (44) Purple Heart license plates issued pursuant to section 14 60-3,125; 15 (35) (45) Recreational vehicle license plates issued pursuant to 16 section 60-3,151; 17 (36) (46) Repossession license plates issued pursuant to section 60-375; 18 19 (47) Sammy's Superheroes license plates for childhood cancer 20 awareness issued pursuant to section 60-3,242; 21 (48) Special interest motor vehicle license plates issued pursuant 22 to section 60-3,135.01; 23 (49) Specialty license plates issued pursuant to sections 24 60-3,104.01 and 60-3,104.02; 25 (50) Support the Arts Plates issued pursuant to sections 60-3,251 26 and 60-3,252; 27 (51) Support Our Troops Plates issued pursuant to sections 60-3,243 28 and 60-3,244; 29 (52) The Good Life Is Outside Plates issued pursuant to sections 30 60-3,253 and 60-3,254; 31 (37) (53) Trailer license plates issued for trailers owned or -248

operated by the state, counties, municipalities, or school districts
 issued pursuant to section 60-3,106;

3 <u>(38)</u> (54) Trailer license plates issued for trailers owned or 4 operated by a metropolitan utilities district or public power district 5 pursuant to section 60-3,228;

6 (39) (55) Trailer license plates issued pursuant to section
7 60-3,100;

(40) (56) Trailers exempt pursuant to section 60-3,108;

9 <u>(41)</u> (57) Transporter license plates issued pursuant to section 10 60-378;

11 (42) (58) Trucks or combinations of trucks, truck-tractors, or 12 trailers which are not for hire and engaged in soil and water 13 conservation work and used for the purpose of transporting pipe and 14 equipment exclusively used by such contractors for soil and water 15 conservation construction license plates issued pursuant to section 16 60-3,149;

17 (43) (59) Utility trailer license plates issued pursuant to section
 18 60-3,151; and

<u>(44)</u> (60) Well-boring apparatus and well-servicing equipment license
 plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,109. ; and

21 (61) Wildlife Conservation Plates issued pursuant to section
22 60-3,238.

Sec. 21. Section 60-3,104.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
is amended to read:

60-3,104.01 (1) A person may apply for <u>an organizational specialty</u> license <u>plate plates</u> in lieu of <u>a</u> regular license <u>plate plates</u> on an application prescribed and provided by the department pursuant to section 60-3,104.02 for any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, except for motor vehicles or trailers registered under section 60-3,198. An applicant receiving <u>an organizational</u> a <u>specialty</u> license plate for a farm truck with a gross weight of over sixteen tons or for a commercial

-25-

motor vehicle registered for a gross weight of five tons or over shall 1 2 affix the appropriate tonnage decal to the plate. The department shall 3 make forms available for such applications. Each application for initial issuance or renewal of an organizational specialty license plate plates 4 5 shall be accompanied by a fee of seventy dollars. Fees collected pursuant 6 to this subsection shall be remitted to the State Treasurer. The State 7 Treasurer shall credit sixty percent of the fee for initial issuance and 8 renewal of an organizational specialty license plate plates to the 9 Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and forty percent of the fee to the Highway Trust Fund. 10

11 When the department receives an application for (2)(a) an 12 organizational specialty license plate plates, the department may deliver the <u>plate</u> and registration certificate to the applicant by United 13 14 States mail or to the county treasurer of the county in which the motor 15 vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is registered and the delivery of the plate plates and registration certificate shall be made through a secure 16 process and system. If Beginning on an implementation date designated by 17 the director on or before January 1, 2022, if delivery of the plate 18 19 plates and registration certificate is made by the department to the 20 applicant, the department may charge a postage and handling fee in an 21 amount not more than necessary to recover the cost of postage and 22 handling for the specific items mailed to the registrant. The department 23 shall remit the fee to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department 24 of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund. The county treasurer or the department shall issue an organizational specialty license plate plates in lieu of a 25 26 regular license <u>plate</u> plates when the applicant complies with the other 27 provisions of law for registration of the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer. If an organizational specialty license plate is plates are 28 29 lost, stolen, or mutilated, the licensee shall be issued <u>a</u>replacement 30 license <u>plate</u> plates pursuant to section 60-3,157.

31

(b) The county treasurer or the department may issue <u>a</u>temporary

-26-

license sticker stickers to the applicant under this section for the 1 2 applicant to lawfully operate the vehicle pending receipt of the license 3 plate plates. No charge in addition to the registration fee shall be made for the issuance of a temporary license sticker under this subdivision. 4 5 The department shall furnish <u>a</u> temporary license <u>sticker</u> stickers for 6 issuance by the county treasurer at no cost to the counties. The 7 department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations regarding the 8 design and issuance of temporary license stickers.

9 (3)(a) The owner of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer bearing an organizational specialty license plate plates may make application to 10 11 the county treasurer to have such organizational specialty license plate plates transferred to a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer other than 12 the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer for which such plate was 13 14 plates were originally purchased if such motor vehicle, trailer, or 15 semitrailer is owned by the owner of the organizational specialty license plate plates. 16

(b) The owner may have the unused portion of the <u>organizational</u> specialty license plate fee credited to the other motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer which will bear the <u>organizational</u> specialty license <u>plate</u> <u>plates</u> at the rate of eight and one-third percent per month for each full month left in the registration period.

(c) Application for such transfer shall be accompanied by a fee of three dollars. Fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

26 Sec. 22. Section 60-3,104.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 27 is amended to read:

60-3,104.02 (1) The department shall issue <u>organizational</u> specialty license plates for any organization which certifies that it meets the requirements of this section. The department shall work with the organization to design the plates.

-27-

(2) The department shall make applications available pursuant to 1 2 section 60-3,104.01 for each type of organizational specialty license 3 plate when it is designed. The department shall not manufacture organizational specialty license plates for an organization until the 4 5 department has received two hundred fifty prepaid applications for the 6 organizational specialty license <u>plate</u> plates designed for that 7 organization. The department may revoke the approval for an 8 organizational organization's specialty license plate if the total number 9 of registered vehicles that obtained such plate is less than two hundred fifty within three years after receiving approval. 10

11 (3) In order to have <u>organizational</u> specialty license plates 12 designed and manufactured, an organization shall furnish the department 13 with the following:

(a) A copy of its articles of incorporation and, if the organization
consists of a group of nonprofit corporations, a copy for each
organization;

(b) A copy of its charter or bylaws and, if the organization
consists of a group of nonprofit corporations, a copy for each
organization;

(c) Any Internal Revenue Service rulings of the organization's
nonprofit tax-exempt status and, if the organization consists of a group
of nonprofit corporations, a copy for each organization;

(d) A copy of a certificate of existence on file with the Secretary
of State under the Nebraska Nonprofit Corporation Act;

(e) Two hundred fifty prepaid applications for the alphanumeric
 <u>organizational</u> specialty license plates; and

27 (f) A completed application for the issuance of the plates on a form 28 provided by the department certifying that the organization meets the 29 following requirements:

30 (i) The organization is a nonprofit corporation or a group of
 31 nonprofit corporations with a common purpose;

-28-

(ii) The primary activity or purpose of the organization serves the
 community, contributes to the welfare of others, and is not offensive or
 discriminatory in its purpose, nature, activity, or name;

4 (iii) The name and purpose of the organization does not promote any 5 specific product or brand name that is on a product provided for sale;

6 (iv) The organization is authorized to use any name, logo, or
7 graphic design suggested for the design of the plates;

8 (v) No infringement or violation of any property right will result 9 from such use of such name, logo, or graphic design; and

(vi) The organization will hold harmless the State of Nebraska and its employees and agents for any liability which may result from any infringement or violation of a property right based on the use of such name, logo, or graphic design.

(4)(a) One type of plate under this section shall be alphanumeric
plates. The department shall assign a designation up to five characters
and not use a county designation.

(b) One type of plate under this section shall be personalized message plates. Such plates shall be issued subject to the same conditions specified for personalized message license plates in section 60-3,118, except that a maximum of five characters may be used. Personalized message <u>organizational</u> specialty license plates under this section shall only be issued after the requirements of subsection (3) of this section have been met.

(5) The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations tocarry out this section.

26 Sec. 23. Section 60-3,105, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 27 amended to read:

60-3,105 (1) The department may provide a <u>permanently issued</u>, <u>nonexpiring</u> distinctive license plate for all motor vehicles owned or operated by the state, counties, municipalities, or school districts. Motor vehicles owned or operated by the state, counties, municipalities,

-29-

or school districts shall display such distinctive license <u>plate</u> plates
 when such license <u>plate is</u> plates are issued or shall display <u>an</u>
 undercover license <u>plate</u> plates when such license <u>plate is</u> plates are
 issued under section 60-3,135.

5 (2) Any motor vehicle owned or leased and used by any city or 6 village of this state, any rural fire protection district, the Civil Air 7 Patrol, any public school district, any county, the state, the United 8 States Government, any entity formed pursuant to the Interlocal 9 Cooperation Act, the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act, or the Joint Public Agency Act, or any municipal public body or authority used in 10 operating a public passenger transportation system, and exempt from a 11 distinct marking as provided in section 81-1021, may carry <u>a</u>license 12 plate with plates the same design and size as are provided in subsection 13 14 (1) of this section or <u>an</u> undercover license <u>plate</u> issued under 15 section 60-3,135.

Sec. 24. Section 60-3,107, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

18 60-3,107 The department may provide <u>a</u> distinctive license <u>plate</u> 19 plates issued for use on motor vehicles which are tax exempt pursuant to 20 subdivision (6) of section 60-3,185. <u>A license plate</u> License plates on 21 such motor vehicles shall display, in addition to the license number, the 22 words tax exempt.

23 Sec. 25. Section 60-3,109, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 24 amended to read:

60-3,109 (1) Any owner of well-boring apparatus and well-servicing equipment may make application to the county treasurer for <u>a</u>license <u>plate</u> <u>plates</u>.

(2) <u>A well-boring Well-boring</u> apparatus and well-servicing equipment
 license <u>plate</u> plates shall display thereon, in addition to the license
 number, the words special equipment.

31

Sec. 26. Section 60-3,113, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

-30-

1 amended to read:

2 60-3,113 (1) The department shall, without the payment of any fee 3 except the taxes and fees required by sections 60-3,102, 60-3,185, 4 60-3,190, and 60-3,191, issue <u>a</u>license <u>plate</u> <u>plates</u> for one motor 5 vehicle not used for hire and a license plate for one autocycle or 6 motorcycle not used for hire to:

7 (a) Any permanently handicapped or disabled person or <u>such person's</u>
8 his or her parent, legal guardian, foster parent, or agent upon
9 application and proof of a permanent handicap or disability; or

(b) A trust which owns the motor vehicle, autocycle, or motorcycle
if a designated beneficiary of the trust qualifies under subdivision (a)
of this subsection.

An application and proof of disability in the form and with the information required by section 60-3,113.02 shall be submitted before <u>a</u> license <u>plate is plates are</u> issued or reissued.

(2) The license plate or plates shall carry the internationally
accepted wheelchair symbol, which symbol is a representation of a person
seated in a wheelchair surrounded by a border six units wide by seven
units high, and such other letters or numbers as the director prescribes.
Such license plate or plates shall be used by such person in lieu of any
other the usual license plate or plates.

(3) The department shall compile and maintain a registry of the
names, addresses, and license numbers of all persons who obtain <u>a special</u>
license <u>plate</u> plates pursuant to this section and all persons who obtain
a handicapped or disabled parking permit.

26 Sec. 27. Section 60-3,118, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 27 amended to read:

60-3,118 (1) In lieu of the license plates provided for by section 60-3,100, the department shall issue personalized message license plates for motor vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers, except for motor vehicles and trailers registered under section 60-3,198, to all applicants who

-31-

meet the requirements of sections 60-3,119 to 60-3,121. Personalized 1 2 message license plates shall be the same size and of the same basic 3 design as regular license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,100. The characters used shall consist only of the registration number in letters 4 5 and numerals of the same size and design specified in and shall comply 6 with the requirements of subdivision (1)(a) of section 60-3,100. A 7 maximum of seven characters may be used, except that for an autocycle or 8 a motorcycle, a maximum of six characters may be used.

9 (2) The following conditions apply to all personalized message10 license plates:

11 (a) County prefixes shall not be allowed except in counties using 12 the alphanumeric system for motor vehicle registration. The numerals in the county prefix shall be the numerals assigned to the county, pursuant 13 14 to subsection (2) of section 60-370, in which the motor vehicle or 15 trailer is registered. Renewal of a personalized message license plate containing a county prefix shall be conditioned upon the motor vehicle or 16 17 trailer being registered in such county. The numerals in the county prefix, including the hyphen or any other unique design for an existing 18 license plate style, count against the maximum number of characters 19 allowed under this section; 20

(b) The characters in the order used shall not conflict with or duplicate any number used or to be used on the regular license plates or any number or license plate already approved pursuant to sections 60-3,118 to 60-3,121;

(c) The characters in the order used shall not express, connote, or
 imply any obscene or objectionable words or abbreviations; and

(d) An applicant receiving a personalized message license plate for
a farm truck with a gross weight of over sixteen tons or a commercial
truck or truck-tractor with a gross weight of five tons or over shall
affix the appropriate tonnage decal to such license plate.

31 (3) The department shall have sole authority to determine if the

-32-

1 conditions prescribed in subsection (2) of this section have been met.

Sec. 28. Section 60-3,119, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2022, is amended to read:

60-3,119 (1) Application for <u>a personalized message license plate</u> plates shall be made to the department. The department shall make available through each county treasurer forms to be used for such plications <u>available on the department's website</u>.

8 (2) Each initial application shall be accompanied by a fee of forty 9 dollars. The fees shall be remitted to the State Treasurer. The State 10 Treasurer shall credit forty percent of the fee to the Highway Trust Fund 11 and sixty percent of the fee to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash 12 Fund.

(3) An application for renewal of a license plate previously
approved and issued shall be accompanied by a fee of forty dollars.
County treasurers collecting fees pursuant to this subsection shall remit
them to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit forty
percent of the fee to the Highway Trust Fund and sixty percent of the fee
to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

Sec. 29. Section 60-3,120, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

21 60-3,120 When the department approves an application for <u>a</u> 22 personalized message license plate plates, the department shall notify 23 the applicant and deliver the license <u>plate</u> and registration 24 certificate to the applicant by United States mail or to the county treasurer of the county in which the motor vehicle or trailer is to be 25 26 registered and the delivery of the <u>plate</u> plates and registration 27 certificate shall be made through a secure process and system. If Beginning on an implementation date designated by the director on or 28 29 before January 1, 2022, if delivery of the plate plates and registration 30 certificate is made by the department to the applicant, the department may charge a postage and handling fee in an amount not more than 31

-33-

necessary to recover the cost of postage and handling for the specific items mailed to the registrant. The department shall remit the fee to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund. The county treasurer or the department shall issue such <u>plate plates</u> to the applicant, in lieu of <u>a</u> regular license <u>plate plates</u>, when the applicant complies with the other provisions of law for registration of the motor vehicle or trailer.

Sec. 30. Section 60-3,121, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

10 60-3,121 (1) The owner of a motor vehicle or trailer bearing <u>a</u> 11 personalized message license <u>plate</u> plates may make application to the 12 county treasurer to have such license <u>plate</u> plates transferred to a motor 13 vehicle or trailer other than the motor vehicle or trailer for which such 14 license <u>plate was</u> plates were originally purchased if such motor vehicle 15 or trailer is owned by the owner of the license <u>plate</u> plates.

16 (2) The owner may have the unused portion of the message plate fee 17 credited to the other motor vehicle or trailer which will bear the 18 license plate at the rate of eight and one-third percent per month for 19 each full month left in the registration period.

(3) Application for such transfer shall be accompanied by a fee of
three dollars. The fees shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for
credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

Sec. 31. Section 60-3,122, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2022, is amended to read:

60-3,122 (1) Any person may, in addition to the application required by section 60-385, apply to the department for <u>a</u>license <u>plate</u> plates designed by the department to indicate that <u>such person</u> he or she is a survivor of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor if <u>such person</u> he or she: (a) Was a member of the United States Armed Forces on December 7, 1941;

31 (b) Was on station on December 7, 1941, during the hours of 7:55

-34-

a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Hawaii time at Pearl Harbor, the island of Oahu, or
 offshore at a distance not to exceed three miles;

3 (c) Was discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of
4 honorable from the United States Armed Forces; and

5 (d) Holds a current membership in a Nebraska Chapter of the Pearl6 Harbor Survivors Association.

7 (2) <u>A</u> Pearl Harbor license <u>plate</u> <u>plates</u> shall be issued upon the 8 applicant paying the license plate fee as provided in subsection (3) of 9 this section and furnishing proof satisfactory to the department that the 10 applicant fulfills the requirements provided by subsection (1) of this 11 section. Any number of motor vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers owned by 12 the applicant may be so licensed at any one time. Motor vehicles and 13 trailers registered under section 60-3,198 shall not be so licensed.

14 (3) No license plate fee shall be required for <u>a</u> Pearl Harbor
 15 license <u>plate</u> plates.

16 (4) If <u>a</u> the license <u>plate</u> plates issued pursuant to this section <u>is</u>
17 are lost, stolen, or mutilated, the recipient of the <u>plate</u> plates shall
18 be issued <u>a</u> replacement license <u>plate</u> plates upon request and without
19 charge.

(5) <u>A license plate</u> License plates issued under this section shall not require the payment of any additional license plate fees and shall be permanently attached to the vehicle to which the <u>plate is</u> plates are registered as long as the vehicle is properly registered by the applicant annually.

(6) The county treasurer or the department may issue <u>a</u> temporary license <u>sticker</u> stickers to the applicant under this section for the applicant to lawfully operate the vehicle pending receipt of the license <u>plate plates</u>. No charge in addition to the registration fee shall be made for the issuance of a temporary license sticker under this subsection. The department shall furnish temporary license stickers for issuance by the county treasurer at no cost to the counties. The department may adopt

-35-

and promulgate rules and regulations regarding the design and issuance of
 temporary license stickers.

Sec. 32. Section 60-3,122.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
is amended to read:

5 60-3,122.01 (1) The department shall design license plates to be 6 known as Gold Star Family plates. In consultation with the Department of 7 Veterans' Affairs and the Military Department, the The department shall create designs reflecting support for those who died while serving in 8 9 good standing in the United States Armed Forces in consultation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Military Department. The 10 11 Department of Veterans' Affairs shall recommend the design of the plate to the Department of Motor Vehicles. The design shall be selected on the 12 basis of limiting the manufacturing cost of each plate to an amount less 13 14 than or equal to the amount charged for <u>a</u>license <u>plate</u> pursuant 15 to section 60-3,102. The department shall make applications available for this type of plate when it is designed. The department may adopt and 16 promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this section and section 17 60-3,122.02. 18

(2) One type of Gold Star Family <u>plates</u> plate shall be consecutively
numbered plates. The department shall:

(a) Number the plates consecutively beginning with the number one,
using numerals the size of which maximizes legibility and limiting the
numerals to five characters or less; and

(b) Not use a county designation or any characters other thannumbers on the plates.

(3) One type of Gold Star Family <u>plates</u> plate shall be personalized
message plates. Such plates shall be issued subject to the same
conditions specified for personalized message license plates in section
60-3,118, except that a maximum of five characters may be used.

30 Sec. 33. Section 60-3,122.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative 31 Supplement, 2022, is amended to read:

-36-

60-3,122.02 (1) Any person who is a surviving spouse, whether 1 remarried or not, or an ancestor, including a stepparent, a descendant, 2 3 including a stepchild, a foster parent or a person in loco parentis, or a sibling of a person who died while in good standing on active duty in the 4 5 military service of the United States may apply to the department for \underline{a} 6 Gold Star Family <u>plate</u> plates in lieu of <u>a</u>regular license <u>plate</u> plates 7 on an application prescribed and provided by the department for any motor 8 vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, except for a motor vehicle or trailer 9 registered under section 60-3,198. An applicant receiving a Gold Star Family plate for a farm truck with a gross weight of over sixteen tons 10 11 shall affix the appropriate tonnage decal to the plate. The department 12 shall make forms available for such applications through the county treasurers. In order to be eligible for a Gold Star Family plate plates, 13 14 a person shall register with the Department of Veterans' Affairs pursuant 15 to section 80-414. The <u>plate</u> shall be issued upon payment of the license fee described in subsection (2) of this section and verification 16 by the Department of Motor Vehicles of an applicant's eligibility using 17 the registry established by the Department of Veterans' Affairs pursuant 18 to section 80-414. 19

20 (2)(a) No additional fee shall be required for <u>a</u> consecutively 21 numbered Gold Star Family <u>plate</u> plates issued under this section and such 22 <u>plate</u> plates shall not require the payment of any additional license 23 plate fees and shall be permanently attached to the vehicle to which the 24 <u>plate is</u> plates are registered as long as the vehicle is properly 25 registered by the applicant annually.

(b)(i) Each application for initial issuance of <u>a</u> personalized message Gold Star Family <u>plate</u> plates shall be accompanied by a fee of forty dollars. An application for renewal of such <u>plate</u> plates shall be accompanied by a fee of forty dollars. County treasurers collecting fees for renewals pursuant to this subdivision shall remit them to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit twenty-five percent of the

-37-

fee for initial issuance and renewal of such <u>plate</u> plates to the
 Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and seventy-five percent of the
 fee to the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund.

4 (ii) No license plate fee under section 60-3,102 shall be required 5 for <u>a personalized message</u> Gold Star Family <u>plate</u> plates issued under 6 this section, other than the renewal fee provided for in subdivision (2) 7 (b)(i) of this section. Such <u>plate</u> plates shall be permanently attached 8 to the vehicle to which the <u>plate is</u> plates are registered as long as the 9 vehicle is properly registered by the applicant annually and the renewal 10 fee provided for in subdivision (2)(b)(i) of this section is paid.

11 (3)(a) When the department receives an application for <u>a</u> Gold Star 12 Family <u>plate</u> plates, the department may deliver the <u>plate</u> plates and registration certificate to the applicant by United States mail or to the 13 14 county treasurer of the county in which the motor vehicle or trailer is 15 registered and the delivery of the <u>plate</u> and registration certificate shall be made through a secure process and system. If 16 17 delivery of the plate plates and registration certificate is made by the department to the applicant, the department may charge a postage and 18 handling fee in an amount not more than necessary to recover the cost of 19 postage and handling for the specific items mailed to the registrant. The 20 21 department shall remit the fee to the State Treasurer for credit to the 22 Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund. The county treasurer or the 23 department shall issue <u>a</u> Gold Star Family <u>plate</u> plates in lieu of <u>a</u> 24 regular license <u>plate</u> plates when the applicant complies with the other provisions of the Motor Vehicle Registration Act for registration of the 25 26 motor vehicle or trailer. If <u>a</u> Gold Star Family <u>plate is</u> plates are lost, 27 stolen, or mutilated, the licensee shall be issued <u>a</u>replacement license <u>plate</u> plates upon request and without charge. 28

(b) The county treasurer or the department may issue <u>a</u> temporary
license <u>sticker</u> stickers to the applicant under this section for the
applicant to lawfully operate the vehicle pending receipt of the license

-38-

plate plates. No charge in addition to the registration fee shall be made for the issuance of a temporary license sticker under this subdivision. The department shall furnish temporary license stickers for issuance by the county treasurer at no cost to the counties. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations regarding the design and issuance of temporary license stickers.

7 (4) The owner of a motor vehicle or trailer bearing a Gold Star 8 Family <u>plate</u> plates may apply to the county treasurer to have such <u>plate</u> 9 plates transferred at no cost to a motor vehicle other than the vehicle for which such <u>plate was</u> plates were originally purchased if such vehicle 10 11 is owned by the owner of the <u>plate</u> plates. The owner may have the unused portion of the fee for the <u>plate</u> plates, if any, credited to the other 12 vehicle which will bear the plate plates at the rate of eight and one-13 14 third percent per month for each full month left in the registration 15 period.

(5) If the cost of manufacturing <u>a</u> Gold Star Family <u>plate</u> plates at 16 17 any time exceeds the amount charged for <u>a</u>license <u>plate</u> plates pursuant to section 60-3,102, any money to be credited to the Nebraska Veteran 18 Cemetery System Operation Fund shall instead be credited first to the 19 Highway Trust Fund in an amount equal to the difference between the 20 21 manufacturing cost of a costs of Gold Star Family plate plates and the 22 amount charged pursuant to section 60-3,102 with respect to such plate plates and the remainder shall be credited to the Nebraska Veteran 23 24 Cemetery System Operation Fund.

25 Sec. 34. Section 60-3,122.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative 26 Supplement, 2022, is amended to read:

60-3,122.03 (1) The department shall design license plates to be
known as Military Honor Plates.

(2) The department shall create designs honoring persons who have
 served or are serving in the United States Army, United States Army
 Reserve, United States Navy, United States Navy Reserve, United States

-39-

Marine Corps, United States Marine Corps Reserve, United States Coast
 Guard, United States Coast Guard Reserve, United States Air Force, United
 States Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, or Army National Guard.

4 (3) There shall be twelve such designs, one for each of such armed 5 forces reflecting its official emblem, official seal, or other official 6 image. The issuance of plates for each of such armed forces shall be 7 conditioned on the approval of the armed forces owning the <u>trademark or</u> 8 copyright to the official emblem, official seal, or other official image.

9 (4) The department shall create five additional designs honoring 10 persons who are serving or have served in the armed forces of the United 11 States and who have been awarded the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq 12 Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Southwest 13 Asia Service Medal, or Vietnam Service Medal.

(5) A person may qualify for a Military Honor Plate by registering with the Department of Veterans' Affairs pursuant to section 80-414. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall verify the applicant's eligibility for a plate created pursuant to this section by consulting the registry established by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

(6) The design shall be selected on the basis of limiting the manufacturing cost of each plate to an amount less than or equal to the amount charged for <u>a</u> license <u>plate</u> plates pursuant to section 60-3,102. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall make applications available for each type of plate when it is designed. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this section and section 60-3,122.04.

26 (7) One type of Military Honor Plates shall be alphanumeric plates.27 The department shall:

28 (a) Assign a designation up to five characters; and

29 (b) Not use a county designation.

30 (8) One type of Military Honor Plates shall be personalized message31 plates. Such plates shall be issued subject to the same conditions

-40-

specified for personalized message license plates in section 60-3,118,
 except that a maximum of five characters may be used.

3 (9) The department shall cease to issue Military Honor Plates 4 beginning with the next license plate issuance cycle after the license 5 plate issuance cycle that begins in 2023 pursuant to section 60-3,101 if 6 the total number of registered vehicles that obtained such plates is less 7 than five hundred per year within any prior consecutive two-year period.

8 Sec. 35. Section 60-3,122.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
9 is amended to read:

60-3,122.04 (1) An eligible person may apply to the department for a 10 11 Military Honor <u>Plate</u> Plates in lieu of <u>a</u>regular license <u>plate</u> plates on 12 an application prescribed and provided by the department for any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, except for a motor vehicle or trailer 13 14 registered under section 60-3,198. An applicant receiving a Military 15 Honor Plate for a farm truck with a gross weight of over sixteen tons shall affix the appropriate tonnage decal to the plate. The department 16 17 shall make forms available for such applications through the county treasurers. The license <u>plate</u> plates shall be issued upon payment of the 18 license fee described in subsection (2) of this section and verification 19 20 by the department of an applicant's eligibility using the registry 21 established by the Department of Veterans' Affairs pursuant to section 22 80-414. To be eligible an applicant shall be (a) active duty or reserve 23 duty armed forces personnel serving in any of the armed forces listed in 24 subsection (2) of section 60-3,122.03, (b) a veteran of any of such armed forces who was discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization 25 26 of honorable or general (under honorable conditions), (c) a current or 27 former commissioned officer of the United States Public Health Service or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration who has been detailed 28 29 directly to any branch of such armed forces for service on active or 30 reserve duty and who was discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions) as 31

-41-

proven with valid orders from the United States Department of Defense, a 1 statement of service provided by the United States Public Health Service, 2 3 or a report of transfer or discharge provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or (d) a person who is serving or has served 4 5 in the armed forces of the United States and who has been awarded the 6 Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism 7 Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, or Vietnam Service Medal. Any person using <u>a Military Honor Plate</u> shall surrender the 8 9 <u>plate</u> plates to the county treasurer if such person is no longer eligible for the plate plates. A regular plate Regular plates shall be issued to 10 11 any such person upon surrender of the Military Honor Plate Plates for a 12 three-dollar transfer fee and forfeiture of any of the remaining annual fee. The three-dollar transfer fee shall be remitted to the State 13 14 Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

(2)(a) In addition to all other fees required for registration under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, each application for initial issuance or renewal of <u>an</u> alphanumeric Military Honor <u>Plate</u> Plates shall be accompanied by a fee of five dollars. County treasurers collecting fees pursuant to this subdivision shall remit them to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit five dollars of the fee to the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund.

22 (b) In addition to all other fees required for registration under 23 the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, each application for initial issuance 24 or renewal of <u>a personalized message Military Honor Plate</u> shall be accompanied by a fee of forty dollars. County treasurers collecting fees 25 26 pursuant to this subdivision shall remit them to the State Treasurer. The 27 State Treasurer shall credit twenty-five percent of the fee for initial issuance and renewal of such <u>plate</u> plates to the Department of Motor 28 29 Vehicles Cash Fund and seventy-five percent of the fee to the Nebraska 30 Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund.

31 (3)(a) When the department receives an application for <u>a Military</u>

-42-

Honor Plate Plates, the department may deliver the plate plates and 1 registration certificate to the applicant by United States mail or to the 2 3 county treasurer of the county in which the motor vehicle or trailer is registered and the delivery of the plate plates and registration 4 5 certificate shall be made through a secure process and system. If 6 Beginning on an implementation date designated by the director on or 7 before January 1, 2022, if delivery of the plate plates and registration 8 certificate is made by the department to the applicant, the department 9 may charge a postage and handling fee in an amount not more than necessary to recover the cost of postage and handling for the specific 10 11 items mailed to the registrant. The department shall remit the fee to the 12 State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund. The county treasurer or the department shall issue a Military Honor Plate 13 14 Plates in lieu of <u>a</u>regular license <u>plate</u> when the applicant 15 complies with the other provisions of the Motor Vehicle Registration Act for registration of the motor vehicle or trailer. If <u>a</u> Military Honor 16 17 <u>Plate is</u> Plates are lost, stolen, or mutilated, the licensee shall be 18 issued <u>a</u> replacement license <u>plate</u> plates upon request pursuant to section 60-3,157. 19

20 (b) The county treasurer or the department may issue <u>a</u> temporary 21 license sticker stickers to the applicant under this section for the 22 applicant to lawfully operate the vehicle pending receipt of the license 23 plate plates. No charge in addition to the registration fee shall be made 24 for the issuance of a temporary license sticker under this subdivision. The department shall furnish temporary license stickers for issuance by 25 26 the county treasurer at no cost to the counties. The department may adopt 27 and promulgate rules and regulations regarding the design and issuance of temporary license stickers. 28

(4) The owner of a motor vehicle or trailer bearing <u>a</u> Military Honor
 Plate Plates may apply to the county treasurer to have such <u>plate</u> plates
 transferred to a motor vehicle or trailer other than the motor vehicle or

-43-

trailer for which such <u>plate was</u> plates were originally purchased if such 1 2 motor vehicle or trailer is owned by the owner of the <u>plate</u> plates. The 3 owner may have the unused portion of the fee for the plate plates credited to the other motor vehicle or trailer which will bear the plate 4 5 plates at the rate of eight and one-third percent per month for each full 6 month left in the registration period. Application for such transfer 7 shall be accompanied by a fee of three dollars. Fees collected pursuant 8 to this subsection shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to 9 the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

(5) If the cost of manufacturing a Military Honor Plate Plates at 10 11 any time exceeds the amount charged for <u>a</u>license <u>plate</u> plates pursuant to section 60-3,102, any money to be credited to the Nebraska Veteran 12 Cemetery System Operation Fund shall instead be credited first to the 13 14 Highway Trust Fund in an amount equal to the difference between the 15 manufacturing cost of a costs of Military Honor Plate Plates and the amount charged pursuant to section 60-3,102 with respect to such plate 16 17 plates and the remainder shall be credited to the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund. 18

19 (6) If the director discovers evidence of fraud in an application 20 for <u>a</u> Military Honor <u>Plate</u> Plates or that the holder is no longer 21 eligible to have <u>a</u> Military Honor <u>Plate</u> Plates, the director may 22 summarily cancel the <u>plate</u> plates and registration and send notice of the 23 cancellation to the holder of the license <u>plate</u> plates.

24 Sec. 36. Section 60-3,123, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 25 2022, is amended to read:

60-3,123 (1) Any person who was captured and incarcerated by an enemy of the United States during a period of conflict with such enemy and who was discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable from or is currently serving in the United States Armed Forces may, in addition to the application required in section 60-385, apply to the department for <u>a</u>license <u>plate</u> <u>plates</u> designed to indicate that <u>such</u>

-44-

1 <u>person</u> he or she is a former prisoner of war.

2 (2) In order to be eligible for <u>a license plate</u> under this 3 section, a person shall register with the Department of Veterans' Affairs pursuant to section 80-414. The license plate plates shall be issued upon 4 5 the applicant paying the license plate fee as provided in subsection (3) 6 of this section and verification by the Department of Motor Vehicles of 7 an applicant's eligibility using the registry established by the 8 Department of Veterans' Affairs pursuant to section 80-414. Any number of 9 motor vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers owned by the applicant may be so licensed at any one time. Motor vehicles and trailers registered under 10 11 section 60-3,198 shall not be so licensed.

12 (3) No license plate fee shall be required for <u>a</u>license <u>plate</u>
 13 plates under this section.

(4) If the license <u>plate</u> plates issued under this section <u>is</u> are
lost, stolen, or mutilated, the recipient of the license <u>plate</u> plates
shall be issued <u>a</u> replacement license <u>plate</u> plates upon request and
without charge.

18 (5) <u>A license plate</u> License plates issued under this section shall 19 not require the payment of any additional license plate fees and shall be 20 permanently attached to the vehicle to which the <u>plate is plates are</u> 21 registered as long as the vehicle is properly registered by the applicant 22 annually.

23 (6) The county treasurer or the department may issue <u>a</u> temporary 24 license sticker stickers to the applicant under this section for the applicant to lawfully operate the vehicle pending receipt of the license 25 26 plate plates. No charge in addition to the registration fee shall be made 27 for the issuance of a temporary license sticker under this subsection. The department shall furnish temporary license stickers for issuance by 28 29 the county treasurer at no cost to the counties. The department may adopt 30 and promulgate rules and regulations regarding the design and issuance of 31 temporary license stickers.

-45-

Sec. 37. Section 60-3,124, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
 2022, is amended to read:

3 60-3,124 (1) Any person who is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces, who was discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization 4 5 of honorable or general (under honorable conditions), and who is 6 classified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as one 7 hundred percent service-connected disabled may, in addition to the 8 application required in section 60-385, apply to the Department of Motor 9 Vehicles for <u>a</u> license <u>plate</u> plates designed by the department to indicate that the applicant is a disabled veteran. The inscription on the 10 11 license <u>plate</u> shall be D.A.V. immediately below the license plate 12 number to indicate that the holder of the license <u>plate</u> plates is a disabled veteran. 13

14 (2) In order to be eligible for <u>a license plate</u> under this 15 section, a person shall register with the Department of Veterans' Affairs pursuant to section 80-414. The plate plates shall be issued upon the 16 applicant paying the license plate fee as provided in subsection (3) of 17 this section and verification by the Department of Motor Vehicles of an 18 applicant's eligibility using the registry established by the Department 19 of Veterans' Affairs pursuant to section 80-414. Any number of motor 20 21 vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers owned by the applicant may be so 22 licensed at any one time. Motor vehicles and trailers registered under 23 section 60-3,198 shall not be so licensed.

24 (3) No license plate fee shall be required for <u>a</u>license <u>plate</u>
 25 plates under this section.

(4) If the license <u>plate</u> plates issued under this section <u>is</u> are
lost, stolen, or mutilated, the recipient of the <u>plate</u> plates shall be
issued <u>a</u> replacement license <u>plate</u> plates as provided in section
60-3,157.

30 (5) <u>A license plate</u> License plates issued under this section shall
 31 not require the payment of any additional license plate fees and shall be

-46-

permanently attached to the vehicle to which the <u>plate is</u> plates are registered as long as the vehicle is properly registered by the applicant annually.

(6) The county treasurer or the department may issue <u>a</u> temporary 4 5 license sticker stickers to the applicant under this section for the 6 applicant to lawfully operate the vehicle pending receipt of the license 7 plate plates. No charge in addition to the registration fee shall be made for the issuance of a temporary license sticker under this subsection. 8 9 The department shall furnish temporary license stickers for issuance by the county treasurer at no cost to the counties. The department may adopt 10 11 and promulgate rules and regulations regarding the design and issuance of 12 temporary license stickers.

Sec. 38. Section 60-3,125, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2022, is amended to read:

15 60-3,125 (1) Any person may, in addition to the application required by section 60-385, apply to the department for a license plate plates 16 17 designed by the department to indicate that the applicant has received from the federal government an award of a Purple Heart. The inscription 18 of the plate plates shall be designed so as to include a facsimile of the 19 award and beneath any numerical designation upon the plate plates 20 21 pursuant to section 60-370 the words Purple Heart separately on one line 22 and the words Combat Wounded on the line below.

23 (2) In order to be eligible for <u>a license plate</u> under this 24 section, a person shall register with the Department of Veterans' Affairs pursuant to section 80-414. The license plate plates shall be issued upon 25 26 payment of the license plate fee as provided in subsection (3) of this 27 section and verification by the Department of Motor Vehicles of an applicant's eligibility using the registry established by the Department 28 29 of Veterans' Affairs pursuant to section 80-414. Any number of motor 30 vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers owned by the applicant may be so licensed at any one time. Motor vehicles and trailers registered under 31

-47-

1 section 60-3,198 shall not be so licensed.

2 (3) No license plate fee shall be required for <u>a license plate</u>
3 plates under this section.

4 (4) If <u>a license plate plates issued pursuant to this section is are</u>
5 lost, stolen, or mutilated, the recipient of the <u>plate plates</u> shall be
6 issued <u>a replacement license plate plates</u> upon request and without
7 charge.

8 (5) <u>A license plate</u> License plates issued under this section shall 9 not require the payment of any additional license plate fees and shall be 10 permanently attached to the vehicle to which the <u>plate is</u> plates are 11 registered as long as the vehicle is properly registered by the applicant 12 annually.

(6) The county treasurer or the department may issue <u>a</u> temporary 13 14 license sticker stickers to the applicant under this section for the 15 applicant to lawfully operate the vehicle pending receipt of the license plate plates. No charge in addition to the registration fee shall be made 16 17 for the issuance of a temporary license sticker under this subsection. The department shall furnish temporary license stickers for issuance by 18 the county treasurer at no cost to the counties. The department may adopt 19 and promulgate rules and regulations regarding the design and issuance of 20 21 temporary license stickers.

22 Sec. 39. Section 60-3,126, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 23 2022, is amended to read:

60-3,126 (1) Any person who holds an unrevoked and unexpired amateur radio station license issued by the Federal Communications Commission and is the owner of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, except for motor vehicles and trailers registered under section 60-3,198, may, in addition to the application required by section 60-385, apply to the department for <u>a</u> license <u>plate</u> <u>plates</u> upon which shall be inscribed the official amateur radio call letters of such applicant.

31 (2) Such license <u>plate</u> plates shall be issued, in lieu of the usual

-48-

1 numbers and letters, to such an applicant upon payment of the regular 2 license fee and the payment of an additional fee of five dollars and 3 furnishing proof that the applicant holds such an unrevoked and unexpired 4 amateur radio station license. The additional fee shall be remitted to 5 the State Treasurer for credit to the Highway Trust Fund. Only one such 6 motor vehicle or trailer owned by an applicant shall be so registered at 7 any one time.

8 (3) An applicant applying for renewal of <u>an</u> amateur radio station 9 license <u>plate</u> plates shall again furnish proof that <u>such applicant</u> he or 10 she holds an unrevoked and unexpired amateur radio station license issued 11 by the Federal Communications Commission.

12 (4) The department shall prescribe the size and design of the 13 license <u>plate</u> plates and furnish such <u>plate</u> plates to the persons 14 applying for and entitled to <u>such plate</u> the same upon the payment of the 15 required fee.

(5) The county treasurer or the department may issue <u>a</u> temporary 16 license sticker stickers to the applicant under this section for the 17 applicant to lawfully operate the vehicle pending receipt of the license 18 plate plates. No charge in addition to the registration fee shall be made 19 20 for the issuance of a temporary license sticker under this subsection. 21 The department shall furnish temporary license stickers for issuance by 22 the county treasurer at no cost to the counties. The department may adopt 23 and promulgate rules and regulations regarding the design and issuance of 24 temporary license stickers.

25 Sec. 40. Section 60-3,129, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 26 amended to read:

60-3,129 (1) The Spirit Plate Proceeds Fund is created. <u>The fund</u> shall consist of money credited to the fund pursuant to section 64 of <u>this act.</u> Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

-49-

1 (2) If the cost of manufacturing Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates 2 at any time exceeds the amount charged for license plates pursuant to 3 section 60-3,102, any money to be credited to the Spirit Plate Proceeds Fund shall instead be credited first to the Highway Trust Fund in an 4 5 amount equal to the difference between the manufacturing costs of such 6 spirit plates and the amount charged pursuant to such section with 7 respect to such spirit plates and the remainder shall be credited to the 8 Spirit Plate Proceeds Fund as provided in section 60-3,128.

9 (2) (3) The first three million dollars credited to the Spirit Plate Proceeds Fund and not credited to the Highway Trust Fund shall be 10 appropriated to the University of Nebraska to establish an endowment fund 11 to provide financial support to former University of Nebraska athletes to 12 pursue undergraduate and postgraduate studies at any University of 13 14 Nebraska campus. Funds appropriated by the Legislature for such 15 scholarship program shall be held, managed, and invested as an endowed scholarship fund in such manner as the Board of Regents of the University 16 17 of Nebraska shall determine and as authorized by section 72-1246. The income from the endowed scholarship fund shall be expended for such 18 scholarships. The University of Nebraska shall grant financial support to 19 20 former athletes who demonstrate financial need as determined by the 21 Federal Pell Grant Program or similar need-based qualifications as 22 approved by the financial aid office of the appropriate campus.

23 (3) (4) The next two million dollars credited to the Spirit Plate 24 Proceeds Fund and not credited to the Highway Trust Fund shall be 25 appropriated to the University of Nebraska to establish an endowment fund 26 to provide financial support for the academic service units of the 27 athletic departments of the campuses of the University of Nebraska in 28 support of academic services to athletes.

Sec. 41. Section 60-3,130, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 amended to read:

31 60-3,130 (1) Except as provided in section 60-3,134, a person

-50-

presenting a certificate of title issued pursuant to section 60-142.01 or 60-142.02 or a certificate of title indicating that the vehicle is thirty or more years old may apply for <u>a permanently issued</u>, <u>nonexpiring</u> historical <u>vehicle</u> license <u>plate</u> plates or may use <u>a license</u> <u>plate</u> plates of the year of manufacture in lieu of <u>a</u> regular license <u>plate</u> plates as provided in sections 60-3,130 to 60-3,134.

7 (2) Each collector applying for such license <u>plate</u> plates, other 8 than a nonprofit organization described in sections 21-608 and 21-609, 9 <u>shall must</u> own and have registered one or more motor vehicles with <u>a</u> 10 regular license <u>plate</u> plates which <u>the collector</u> he or she uses for 11 regular transportation.

(3) A motor vehicle or trailer manufactured, assembled from a kit, or otherwise assembled as a reproduction or facsimile of a historical vehicle shall not be eligible for <u>a</u> historical <u>vehicle</u> license <u>plate</u> plates unless it has been in existence for thirty years or more. The age of the motor vehicle or trailer shall be calculated from the year reflected on the certificate of title.

Sec. 42. Section 60-3,130.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,is amended to read:

20 60-3,130.01 The application under section 60-3,130 shall be made on 21 a form prescribed and furnished by the department. The form shall contain 22 (1) a description of the vehicle owned and sought to be registered, 23 including the make, body type, model, vehicle identification number, and 24 year of manufacture, (2) a description of any vehicle owned by the applicant and registered by the applicant him or her with a regular 25 26 license plate plates and used for regular transportation, which 27 description shall include make, body type, model, vehicle identification number, year of manufacture, and the Nebraska registration number 28 29 assigned to the vehicle, and (3) an affidavit sworn to by the vehicle 30 owner that the historical vehicle is being collected, preserved, restored, and maintained by the applicant as a hobby and not for the 31

-51-

general use of the vehicle for the same purposes and under the same
 circumstances as other motor vehicles of the same type.

3 Sec. 43. Section 60-3,130.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative
4 Supplement, 2022, is amended to read:

5 60-3,130.02 (1) An initial processing fee of ten dollars shall be 6 submitted with an application under section 60-3,130 to defray the costs 7 of issuing the first plate to each collector and to establish a distinct 8 identification number for each collector. A fee of fifty dollars for each 9 vehicle so registered shall also be submitted with the application. When the department receives an application for <u>a</u> historical <u>vehicle</u> license 10 11 plate plates, the department may deliver the <u>plate</u> plates and 12 registration certificate to the applicant by United States mail. The department may charge a postage and handling fee in an amount not more 13 14 than necessary to recover the cost of postage and handling for the 15 specific items mailed to the registrant. The department shall remit the fee to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles 16 17 Cash Fund.

(2) For use of <u>a license plate plates</u> as provided in section
60-3,130.04, a fee of twenty-five dollars shall be submitted with the
application in addition to the fees specified in subsection (1) of this
section.

(3) The fees shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit tothe Highway Trust Fund.

24 Sec. 44. Section 60-3,130.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 25 is amended to read:

60-3,130.03 The department shall design <u>a permanently issued</u>, <u>nonexpiring historical vehicle license plate plates</u> with a distinctive design which, in addition to the identification number, includes the words historical and Nebraska for identification. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to implement sections 60-3,130 to 60-3,134.

-52-

Sec. 45. Section 60-3,130.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
 is amended to read:

3 60-3,130.04 (1) An owner of a historical vehicle eligible for registration under section 60-3,130 may use a license plate or plates 4 5 designed by this state in the year corresponding to the model year when 6 the vehicle was manufactured in lieu of the <u>plate</u> designed 7 pursuant to section 60-3,130.03 subject to the approval of the 8 department. The department shall inspect the plate or plates and may 9 approve the plate or plates if it is determined that the model-year license plate is or plates are legible and serviceable and that the 10 11 license plate numbers do not conflict with or duplicate other numbers 12 assigned and in use. An original-issued license plate or plates that has have been restored to original condition may be used when approved by the 13 14 department.

15 (2) The department may consult with a recognized car club in 16 determining whether the year of the license plate or plates to be used 17 corresponds to the model year when the vehicle was manufactured.

(3) If only one license plate is used on the vehicle, the license
plate shall be placed on the rear of the vehicle. The owner of a
historical vehicle may use only one plate on the vehicle even for years
in which two license plates were issued for vehicles in general.

22 (3) A license plate (4) License plates used pursuant to this section 23 corresponding to the year of manufacture of the vehicle shall not be \underline{a} 24 personalized message license <u>plate</u> plates, Pearl Harbor license <u>plate</u> plates, prisoner-of-war license plate plates, disabled veteran license 25 26 plate plates, Purple Heart license plate plates, amateur radio station 27 license plate plates, Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates, Nebraska History 28 Plates, handicapped or disabled person license plate plates, 29 organizational specialty license plate plates, special interest motor 30 vehicle license plate plates, Military Honor Plate Plates, or alternate license plate Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial Plates, Breast Cancer 31

-53-

Awareness Plates, Prostate Cancer Awareness Plates, Mountain Lion
 Conservation Plates, Choose Life License Plates, Donate Life Plates, Down
 Syndrome Awareness Plates, Native American Cultural Awareness and History
 Plates, Sammy's Superheroes license plates for childhood cancer
 awareness, Wildlife Conservation Plates, Pets for Vets Plates, Support
 the Arts Plates, Support Our Troops Plates, The Good Life Is Outside
 Plates, or Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water Plates.

8 Sec. 46. Section 60-3,130.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
9 is amended to read:

10 60-3,130.05 <u>A license plate</u> License plates issued or used pursuant 11 to section 60-3,130 or 60-3,130.04 shall be valid while the vehicle is 12 owned by the applicant without the payment of any additional fee, tax, or 13 license.

Sec. 47. Section 60-3,134, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

60-3,134 Any motor vehicle or trailer that qualifies as <u>a</u> an historical vehicle which is used for the same general purposes and under the same conditions as motor vehicles or trailers registered with <u>a</u> regular license <u>plate</u> plates shall be required to be registered with <u>a</u> regular license <u>plate</u> plates, regardless of its age, and shall be subject to the payment of the same taxes and fees required of motor vehicles or trailers registered with <u>a</u> regular license <u>plate</u> plates.

23 Sec. 48. Section 60-3,135, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 24 amended to read:

60-3,135 (1)(a) <u>An undercover</u> Undercover license <u>plate</u> plates may be issued to federal, state, county, city, or village law enforcement agencies and shall be used only for legitimate criminal investigatory purposes. <u>An undercover</u> Undercover license <u>plate</u> plates may also be issued to the Nebraska State Patrol, the Game and Parks Commission, deputy state sheriffs employed by the Nebraska Brand Committee and State Fire Marshal for state law enforcement purposes, persons employed by the

-54-

Tax Commissioner for state revenue enforcement purposes, the Department 1 2 of Health and Human Services for the purposes of communicable disease 3 control, the prevention and control of those communicable diseases which endanger the public health, the enforcement of drug control laws, or 4 5 other investigation purposes, the Department of Agriculture for special 6 investigative purposes, and the Insurance Fraud Prevention Division of 7 the Department of Insurance for investigative purposes. An undercover 8 Undercover license plate plates shall not be used on personally owned 9 vehicles or for personal use of government-owned vehicles.

(b) The director shall prescribe a form for agencies to apply for an 10 11 undercover license <u>plate</u> <u>plates</u>. <u>An agency may apply for a separate plate</u> 12 for each undercover vehicle. The form shall include a space for the name and signature of the contact person for the requesting agency, a 13 14 statement that the undercover license <u>plate is plates are</u> to be used only 15 for legitimate criminal investigatory purposes, and a statement that an undercover license plate is plates are not to be used on personally owned 16 17 vehicles or for personal use of government-owned vehicles.

(2) The agency shall include the name and signature of the contact 18 person for the agency on the form and pay the fee prescribed in section 19 20 60-3,102. If the undercover license <u>plate</u> plates will be used for the 21 investigation of a specific event rather than for ongoing investigations, 22 the agency shall designate on the form an estimate of the length of time 23 the undercover license plate plates will be needed. The contact person in 24 the agency shall sign the form and verify the information contained in 25 the form.

(3) Upon receipt of a completed form, the director shall determine whether the undercover license <u>plate</u> plates will be used by an approved agency for a legitimate purpose pursuant to subsection (1) of this section. If the director determines that the undercover license <u>plate</u> plates will be used for such a purpose, <u>the director</u> he or she may issue the undercover license <u>plate</u> plates in the form and under the conditions

-55-

<u>the director</u> he or she determines to be necessary. The decision of the director regarding issuance of <u>an</u> undercover license <u>plate</u> plates is final.

4 (4) The department shall keep records pertaining to undercover
5 license plates confidential, and such records shall not be subject to
6 public disclosure.

7 (5) The contact person shall return the undercover license <u>plate</u>
8 plates to the department if:

9 (a) The undercover license <u>plate expires and is</u> plates expire and 10 are not renewed;

(b) The purpose for which the undercover license <u>plate was</u> plates
 were issued has been completed or terminated; or

13 (c) The director requests <u>that the undercover license plate be</u>
 14 <u>returned</u> their return.

15 (6) A state agency, board, or commission that uses motor vehicles 16 from the transportation services bureau of the Department of 17 Administrative Services shall notify the bureau immediately after an undercover license <u>plate has</u> <u>plates have</u> been assigned to the motor 18 19 vehicle and shall provide the equipment and license plate number and the 20 undercover license plate number to the bureau. The transportation 21 services bureau shall maintain a list of state-owned motor vehicles which 22 have been assigned an undercover license plate plates. The list shall be 23 confidential and not be subject to public disclosure.

(7) The contact person shall be held accountable to keep proper records of the number of undercover plates possessed by the agency, the particular license plate numbers for each motor vehicle, and the person who is assigned to the motor vehicle. This record shall be confidential and not be subject to public disclosure.

29 Sec. 49. Section 60-3,141, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 30 amended to read:

31 60-3,141 (1) The various county treasurers shall act as agents for

-56-

1 the department in the collection of all motor vehicle taxes, motor 2 vehicle fees, and registration fees. An approved licensed dealer 3 participating in the electronic dealer services system pursuant to 4 section 60-1507 may collect all such taxes and fees as agent for the 5 appropriate county treasurer and the department in a manner provided by 6 such system.

7 (2) While acting as agents pursuant to subsection (1) of this 8 section, the county treasurers or any approved licensed dealers 9 participating in the electronic dealer services system shall in addition to the taxes and registration fees collect one dollar and fifty cents for 10 11 each registration of a motor vehicle or trailer of a resident of the 12 State of Nebraska and four dollars and fifty cents for each registration of a motor vehicle or trailer of a nonresident. The county treasurer 13 14 shall credit such additional fees collected by the county treasurer or 15 any approved licensed dealer participating in the electronic dealer services system to the county general fund in a manner provided by such 16 17 system.

(3) The county treasurers shall transmit all motor vehicle fees and 18 registration fees collected pursuant to this section to the State 19 20 Treasurer on or before the twentieth day of each month and at such other 21 times as the State Treasurer requires for credit to the Motor Vehicle Fee 22 Fund and the Highway Trust Fund, respectively, except as provided in section 60-3,156. Any county treasurer who fails to transfer to the State 23 24 Treasurer the amount due the state at the times required in this section shall pay interest at the rate specified in section 45-104.02, as such 25 26 rate may be adjusted from time to time, from the time the motor vehicle 27 fees and registration fees become due until paid.

(4) If a registrant requests delivery of <u>a</u>license <u>plate</u> plates,
registration <u>certificate</u> certificates, or validation <u>decal</u> decals by
mail, the county treasurer may charge a postage and handling fee in an
amount not more than necessary to recover the cost of postage and

-57-

1 handling for the specific items mailed to the registrant.

Sec. 50. Section 60-3,145, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

60-3,145 (1) The registration fee on local trucks shall be based on 4 5 the gross vehicle weight as provided in section 60-3,147, and local 6 trucks shall be registered at a fee of thirty percent of the commercial 7 motor vehicle registration fee, except that (a) no local truck shall be 8 registered for a fee of less than eighteen dollars, (b) the registration 9 fee for each truck with a factory-rated capacity of one ton or less shall be eighteen dollars, and (c) commercial pickup trucks with a gross load 10 11 of over three tons shall be registered for the fee provided for 12 commercial motor vehicles.

(2) <u>A local</u> truck license <u>plate</u> plates shall display, in
 addition to the registration number, the designation of local motor
 vehicles.

Sec. 51. Section 60-3,146, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

18 60-3,146 (1) For the registration of farm trucks, except for trucks 19 or combinations of trucks or truck-tractors and trailers having a gross 20 vehicle weight exceeding sixteen tons, the registration fee shall be 21 eighteen dollars for up to and including five tons gross vehicle weight, 22 and in excess of five tons the fee shall be twenty-two dollars.

23 (2) For a truck or a combination of a truck or truck-tractor and 24 trailer weighing in excess of sixteen tons registered as a farm truck, except as provided in sections 60-3,111 and 60-3,151, the registration 25 26 fee shall be based upon the gross vehicle weight. The registration fee on 27 such trucks weighing in excess of sixteen tons shall be at the following rates: For a gross weight in excess of sixteen tons up to and including 28 29 twenty tons, forty dollars plus five dollars for each ton of gross weight 30 over seventeen tons, and for gross weight exceeding twenty tons, sixtyfive dollars plus ten dollars for each ton of gross weight over twenty 31

-58-

1 tons.

2 (3) <u>A farm Farm truck license plate plates shall display, in</u>
3 addition to the registration number, the designation farm and the words
4 NOT FOR HIRE.

5 (4) <u>A farm truck Farm trucks</u> with a gross weight of over sixteen 6 tons license <u>plate</u> plates shall also display the weight that such farm 7 truck is licensed for, using a decal on the license <u>plate</u> plates in 8 letters and numerals of such size and design as shall be determined and 9 issued by the department.

Sec. 52. Section 60-3,147, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

12 60-3,147 (1) The registration fee on commercial motor vehicles, 13 public power district motor vehicles, and, beginning January 1, 2023, 14 metropolitan utilities district motor vehicles, except those motor 15 vehicles registered under section 60-3,198, shall be based upon the gross 16 vehicle weight, not to exceed the maximum authorized by section 60-6,294.

(2) The registration fee on commercial motor vehicles, public power 17 district motor vehicles, and, beginning January 1, 2023, metropolitan 18 utilities district motor vehicles, except for motor vehicles and trailers 19 20 registered under section 60-3,198, shall be based on the gross vehicle 21 weight on such commercial motor vehicles, public power district motor 22 vehicles, or metropolitan utilities district motor vehicles plus the 23 gross vehicle weight of any trailer or combination with which it is 24 operated, except that for the purpose of determining the registration fee, the gross vehicle weight of a commercial motor vehicle towing or 25 26 hauling a disabled or wrecked motor vehicle properly registered for use 27 on the highways shall be only the gross vehicle weight of the towing commercial motor vehicle fully equipped and not including the weight of 28 29 the motor vehicle being towed or hauled.

30 (3) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, the 31 registration fee on such commercial motor vehicles, public power district

-59-

1 motor vehicles, and, beginning January 1, 2023, metropolitan utilities
2 district motor vehicles shall be at the following rates:

3 (a) For a gross vehicle weight of three tons or less, eighteen4 dollars;

5 (b) For a gross vehicle weight exceeding three tons and not 6 exceeding four tons, twenty-five dollars;

7 (c) For a gross vehicle weight exceeding four tons and not exceeding8 five tons, thirty-five dollars;

9 (d) For a gross vehicle weight exceeding five tons and not exceeding10 six tons, sixty dollars;

(e) For a gross vehicle weight exceeding six tons but not exceeding
 seven tons, eighty-five dollars; and

(f) For a gross vehicle weight in excess of seven tons, the fee shall be that for a commercial motor vehicle, public power district motor vehicle, or metropolitan utilities district motor vehicle having a gross vehicle weight of seven tons and <u>an additional</u> , in addition thereto, twenty-five dollars for each ton of gross vehicle weight over seven tons.

(4)(a) For fractional tons in excess of the twenty percent or the
tolerance of one thousand pounds, as provided in section 60-6,300, the
fee shall be computed on the basis of the next higher bracket.

(b) The fees provided by this section shall be reduced ten percent for motor vehicles used exclusively for the transportation of agricultural products.

(c) Fees for commercial motor vehicles, public power district motor
vehicles, or, beginning January 1, 2023, metropolitan utilities district
motor vehicles with a gross vehicle weight in excess of thirty-six tons
shall be increased by twenty percent for all such commercial motor
vehicles, public power district motor vehicles, or metropolitan utilities
district motor vehicles operated on any highway not a part of the
National System of Interstate and Defense Highways.

31 (5)(a) Such fee may be paid one-half at the time of registration and

-60-

one-half on the first day of the seventh month of the registration period 1 2 when the license fee exceeds two hundred ten dollars. When the second 3 <u>one-half</u> half is paid, the county treasurer shall furnish a registration certificate and license plate plates issued by the department which shall 4 5 be displayed on such commercial motor vehicle in the manner provided by 6 law. In addition to the registration fee, the department shall collect a 7 sufficient fee to cover the cost of issuing the certificate and license 8 plate plates.

9 (b) If such second <u>one-half half</u> is not paid within thirty days 10 following the first day of the seventh month, the registration of such 11 commercial motor vehicle shall be canceled and the registration 12 certificate and license <u>plate</u> plates shall be returned to the county 13 treasurer.

(c) Such fee shall be paid prior to any subsequent registration orrenewal of registration.

(6) Except as provided in section 60-3,228, <u>a</u>license <u>plate</u> plates
issued under this section shall be the same size and of the same basic
design as <u>a</u>regular license <u>plate</u> plates issued under section 60-3,100.

(7) A license plate or plates issued to a commercial motor vehicle with a gross weight of five tons or over shall display, in addition to the registration number, the weight that the commercial motor vehicle is licensed for, using a decal on the license plate or plates of the commercial motor vehicle in letters and numerals of such size and design as shall be determined and issued by the department.

25 Sec. 53. Section 60-3,149, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 26 amended to read:

60-3,149 (1) For the registration of trucks or combinations of trucks, truck-tractors, or trailers which are not for hire and engaged in soil and water conservation work and used for the purpose of transporting pipe and equipment exclusively used by such contractors for soil and water conservation construction, the registration fee shall be one-half

-61-

of the rate for similar commercial motor vehicles registered under section 60-3,147, except that no commercial motor vehicle or commercial trailer registered under this section shall be registered for a fee of less than eighteen dollars.

5 (2) Such license <u>plate</u> plates shall display, in addition to the
6 registration number, the letter A.

Sec. 54. Section 60-3,150, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, isamended to read:

9 60-3,150 For registration purposes, a truck-tractor and semitrailer unit and a commercial trailer shall be considered as separate units. The 10 11 registration fee of the truck-tractor shall be the fee provided for commercial motor vehicles. Each semitrailer and each commercial trailer 12 shall be registered upon the payment of a fee of one dollar. The 13 14 department shall provide an appropriate license plate or, when 15 appropriate, validation decal to identify such semitrailers. If any truck or truck-tractor, operated under the classification designated as local, 16 farm, or A or with <u>a plate</u> plates issued under section 60-3,113 is 17 operated outside of the limits of its respective classification, it shall 18 thereupon come under the classification of commercial motor vehicle. 19

20 Sec. 55. Section 60-3,157, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 21 amended to read:

22 60-3,157 (1) If a license plate or registration certificate is lost 23 or mutilated or has become illegible, the person to whom such license 24 plate and registration certificate has been issued shall immediately 25 apply to the county treasurer for a duplicate registration certificate or 26 for <u>a</u> new license <u>plate</u>. Except as provided in subsection (2) of this 27 <u>section</u>, the following fees apply to such application:

28 (a) One plates, accompanying his or her application with a fee of
 29 one dollar for a duplicate registration certificate; and

30 (b) Two and a fee of two dollars and fifty cents for a duplicate or
 31 replacement license plate.

-62-

(2) No fee shall be required under this section if the vehicle or
 trailer was reported stolen under section 60-178.

Sec. 56. Section 60-3,167, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

5 60-3,167 (1) It shall be unlawful for any owner of a motor vehicle 6 or trailer which is being operated or towed with <u>an In Transit sticker</u> 7 stickers pursuant to section 60-376, which is being operated or towed pursuant to section 60-365 or 60-369, or which is required to be 8 9 registered in this state and which is operated or towed on a public highway of this state to allow the operation or towing of the motor 10 11 vehicle or trailer on a public highway of this state without having a 12 current and effective automobile liability policy, evidence of insurance, or proof of financial responsibility. The owner shall be presumed to know 13 14 of the operation or towing of the owner's his or her motor vehicle or 15 trailer on a highway of this state in violation of this section when the motor vehicle or trailer is being operated or towed by a person other 16 17 than the owner. An owner of a motor vehicle or trailer who operates or tows the motor vehicle or trailer or allows the operation or towing of 18 the motor vehicle or trailer in violation of this section shall be guilty 19 20 of a Class II misdemeanor and shall be advised by the court that such 21 owner's his or her motor vehicle operator's license, motor vehicle 22 certificate of registration, and license plate plates will be suspended 23 by the department until <u>such owner</u> he or she complies with sections 24 60-505.02 and 60-528. Upon conviction the owner's owner shall have his or her motor vehicle operator's license, motor vehicle certificate of 25 26 registration, and license <u>plate shall be</u> plates suspended by the 27 department until <u>such owner</u> he or she complies with sections 60-505.02 and 60-528. The owner shall also be required to comply with section 28 29 60-528 for a continuous period of three years after the violation. This 30 subsection shall not apply to motor vehicles or trailers registered in 31 another state.

-63-

(2) An owner who is unable to produce a current and effective 1 2 automobile liability policy, evidence of insurance, or proof of financial 3 responsibility upon the request of a law enforcement officer shall be allowed ten days after the date of the request to produce proof to the 4 5 appropriate prosecutor or county attorney that a current and effective 6 automobile liability policy or proof of financial responsibility was in 7 existence for the motor vehicle or trailer at the time of such request. 8 Upon presentation of such proof, the citation shall be dismissed by the 9 prosecutor or county attorney without cost to the owner and no prosecution for the offense cited shall occur. 10

11 (3) The department shall, for any person convicted for a violation 12 of this section, reinstate such person's operator's license, motor vehicle certificate of registration, and license plate plates and rescind 13 14 any order requiring such person to comply with section 60-528 without 15 cost to such person upon presentation to the director that, at the time such person was cited for a violation of this section, a current and 16 automobile 17 effective liability policy or proof of financial responsibility was in existence for the motor vehicle or trailer at the 18 time the citation was issued. 19

20 Sec. 57. Section 60-3,175, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 21 amended to read:

60-3,175 It shall be unlawful to own or operate a motor vehicle or trailer with <u>a historical vehicle license plate plates</u> in violation of section 60-3,130, 60-3,131, or 60-3,134. Upon conviction of a violation of any provision of such sections, a person shall be guilty of a Class V misdemeanor.

27 Sec. 58. Section 60-3,176, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 28 amended to read:

60-3,176 Any person who receives information pertaining to <u>an</u> undercover license <u>plate</u> plates in the course of <u>such person's</u> his or her employment and who discloses any such information to any unauthorized

-64-

1 individual shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor.

Sec. 59. Section 60-3,222, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

60-3,222 (1) If a fee required under the Motor Vehicle Registration 4 5 Act or a tax required to be paid on any motor vehicle or trailer has been 6 paid by check, draft, or other financial transaction, including an 7 electronic financial transaction, and the check, draft, or financial transaction has been returned or not honored because of insufficient 8 9 funds, no account, a stop-payment order, or any other reason, a county treasurer may cancel or refuse to issue or renew registration under the 10 11 act.

(2) The county treasurer may take the action described in subsection
(1) of this section no sooner than seven days after the notice required
in subsection (3) of this section has been mailed.

(3) Prior to taking action described in subsection (1) of this section, the county treasurer shall notify the applicant or registrant of the proposed action and the reasons for such action in writing, by firstclass, registered, or certified mail, mailed to the applicant's or registrant's last-known address as shown on the application for registration or renewal.

(4) If the county treasurer takes action pursuant to this section, the county treasurer shall reinstate the registration without delay upon the payment of certified funds by the applicant or registrant for any fees and taxes due and reasonable administrative costs, not to exceed twenty-five dollars, incurred in taking such action.

(5) Any person who is sent a notice from the county treasurer pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall, within ten business days after mailing of the notice, return to the county treasurer the motor vehicle registration and license <u>plate</u> <u>plates</u> of the vehicle or trailer regarding which the action has been taken. If the person fails to return the registration and license <u>plate</u> <u>plates</u> to the county treasurer,

-65-

the county treasurer shall notify the sheriff of the county in which the person resides that the person is in violation of this section. The sheriff may recover the registration and license <u>plate</u> plates and return them to the county treasurer.

5 Sec. 60. Section 60-3,228, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 6 amended to read:

7

21

60-3,228 (1)(a) This subsection applies until January 1, 2023.

8 (b) Upon application and payment of the fees required pursuant to 9 this section and section 60-3,229, each motor vehicle and trailer 10 operated by a public power district shall be issued permanent public 11 power district license plates. The public power district license plates 12 shall be issued by the county in which the public power district is 13 headquartered.

14 (c) Public power district vehicles shall display a distinctive
 15 license plate provided by the department pursuant to this section.

16 (d) Any license plate issued pursuant to this section shall remain 17 affixed to the front and rear of the motor vehicle and to the rear of the 18 trailer as long as the public power district vehicle is registered 19 pursuant to this section by the owner or lessor making the original 20 application pursuant to subdivision (1)(b) of this section.

(2)(a) This subsection applies beginning on January 1, 2023.

22 (1) (b) Upon application and payment of the fees required pursuant 23 to this section and section 60-3,229, each motor vehicle and trailer 24 operated by a metropolitan utilities district or a public power district shall be issued a permanent metropolitan utilities district or public 25 26 power district license <u>plate</u> plates. The metropolitan utilities district 27 or public power district license plate plates shall be issued by the county in which the metropolitan utilities district or public power 28 29 district is headquartered.

30 (2) (c) Metropolitan utilities district vehicles or public power
 31 district vehicles shall display a distinctive license plate provided by

-66-

1 the department pursuant to this section.

2 <u>(3)</u> (d) Any license plate issued pursuant to this section shall 3 remain affixed to the front and rear of the motor vehicle and to the rear 4 of the trailer as long as the metropolitan utilities district vehicle or 5 public power district vehicle is registered pursuant to this section by 6 the owner or lessor making the original application pursuant to 7 subdivision (2)(b) of this section.

8 Sec. 61. Section 60-3,236, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is9 amended to read:

10 60-3,236 For the registration of every former military vehicle, the 11 fee shall be fifteen dollars. <u>A former</u> Former military vehicle license 12 <u>plate</u> plates shall display, in addition to the registration number, the 13 designation former military vehicle.

Sec. 62. Section 60-3,253, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, is amended to read:

16 60-3,253 Unless otherwise specified in section 64 of this act, the 17 following provisions apply to alternate license plates:

(1) The department shall design license plates to be known as 18 19 alternate license plates The Good Life Is Outside Plates. The design specifications of each type of alternate license plate are indicated in 20 21 section 64 of this act shall reflect the importance of safe walking and 22 biking in Nebraska and the value of our recreational trails. The design 23 for each type of alternate license plate shall be selected on the basis 24 of limiting the manufacturing cost of each plate to an amount less than or equal to the amount charged for a license plate plates pursuant to 25 26 section 60-3,102.

27 <u>(2)</u> The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to 28 carry out this section and <u>sections 63 and 64 of this act</u> section 29 60-3,254.

30 (3)(a) Each (2) One type of <u>alternate license plate</u> The Good Life Is
 31 Outside Plates shall be issued as either an alphanumeric alternate

-67-

1 <u>license plate or a personalized message alternate license plate</u> plates.

2 (b) For an alphanumeric alternate license plate, the The department 3 shall:

4

5

<u>(i)</u> (a) Assign a designation up to five characters; and

Ę

<u>(ii)</u> (b) Not use a county designation.

6 <u>(c) A</u> (3) One type of The Good Life Is Outside Plates shall be 7 personalized message <u>alternate license plate</u> plates. Such plates shall be 8 issued subject to the same conditions specified for <u>a</u> personalized 9 message license <u>plate</u> plates in section 60-3,118, except that a maximum 10 of five characters may be used.

11 (4) The department shall cease to issue a type of alternate license 12 plate listed in section 64 of this act The Good Life Is Outside Plates beginning with the next license plate issuance cycle after the license 13 14 plate issuance cycle that begins in 2023 pursuant to section 60-3,101 15 after the first year that such type of alternate license plate was issued by the department if the total number of registered vehicles that 16 17 obtained such type of alternate license plate plates is less than five hundred per year within any prior consecutive two-year period. 18

Sec. 63. Section 60-3,254, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, isamended to read:

21 60-3,254 Unless otherwise specified in section 64 of this act, the
 22 following provisions apply to alternate license plates:

23 (1) A person may apply to the department for <u>an alternate license</u> 24 plate The Good Life Is Outside Plates in lieu of a regular license plate plates on an application prescribed and provided by the department for 25 26 any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, except for a motor vehicle, 27 trailer, or semitrailer registered under section 60-3,198. An applicant receiving an alternate license plate a The Good Life Is Outside Plate for 28 29 a farm truck with a gross weight of over sixteen tons or for a commercial 30 motor vehicle registered for a gross weight of five tons or over shall 31 affix the appropriate tonnage decal to the plate. The department shall

-68-

make forms available for such applications through the county treasurers.
 The <u>alternate license plate plates</u> shall be issued upon payment of the
 <u>alternate license plate fee described in subsection (2) of this section.</u>

(2)(a) In addition to all other fees required for registration under 4 5 the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, each application for initial issuance 6 or renewal of <u>an</u> alphanumeric <u>alternate license plate</u> The Good Life Is 7 Outside Plates shall be accompanied by the alphanumeric alternate license 8 plate a fee of five dollars. County treasurers collecting fees pursuant 9 to this subdivision shall remit such fees to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit five dollars of the fee to the designated 10 11 recipient of the alternate license plate fee pursuant to section 64 of 12 this act Game and Parks State Park Improvement and Maintenance Fund for the purpose of trail improvement and maintenance. 13

14 (b) In addition to all other fees required for registration under 15 the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, each application for initial issuance or renewal of a personalized message alternate license plate The Good 16 17 Life Is Outside Plates shall be accompanied by the personalized message <u>alternate license plate</u> a fee of forty dollars. County treasurers 18 collecting fees pursuant to this subdivision shall remit such fees to the 19 State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit twenty-five percent of 20 21 the fee for initial issuance and renewal of such plates to the Department 22 of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and seventy-five percent of the fee to the 23 designated recipient of the alternate license plate fee pursuant to 24 section 64 of this act Game and Parks State Park Improvement and 25 Maintenance Fund for the purpose of trail improvement and maintenance.

(3) When the department receives an application for <u>an alternate</u> <u>license plate</u> The Good Life Is Outside Plates, the department may deliver the <u>plate plates</u> and registration certificate to the applicant by United States mail or to the county treasurer of the county in which the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is registered and the delivery of the <u>plate plates</u> and registration certificate shall be made through a secure

-69-

process and system. If Beginning on an implementation date designated by 1 the director on or before January 1, 2022, if delivery of the plate 2 3 plates and registration certificate is made by the department to the applicant, the department may charge a postage and handling fee in an 4 5 amount not more than necessary to recover the cost of postage and 6 handling for the specific items mailed to the registrant. The department 7 shall remit the fee to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund. The county treasurer or the department shall 8 9 issue the specified alternate license plate The Good Life Is Outside Plates in lieu of a regular license plate plates when the applicant 10 11 complies with the other provisions of the Motor Vehicle Registration Act 12 for registration of the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer. If an alternate license plate is The Good Life Is Outside Plates are lost, 13 14 stolen, or mutilated, the licensee shall be issued <u>a</u>replacement license 15 plate plates upon request pursuant to section 60-3,157.

(4) The county treasurer or the department may issue <u>a</u> temporary 16 17 license sticker stickers to the applicant under this section for the applicant to lawfully operate the vehicle pending receipt of the license 18 plate plates. No charge in addition to the registration fee shall be made 19 20 for the issuance of a temporary license sticker under this subsection. 21 The department shall furnish temporary license stickers for issuance by 22 the county treasurer at no cost to the counties. The department may adopt 23 and promulgate rules and regulations regarding the design and issuance of 24 temporary license stickers.

(5) The owner of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer bearing <u>an</u> <u>alternate license plate</u> The Good Life Is Outside Plates may apply to the county treasurer to have such <u>plate</u> plates transferred to a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer other than the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer for which such <u>plate was</u> plates were originally purchased if such motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is owned by the owner of the <u>plate</u> plates. The owner may have the unused portion of the fee for

-70-

1 the <u>plate</u> <u>plates</u> credited to the other motor vehicle, trailer, or 2 semitrailer which will bear the <u>plate</u> <u>plates</u> at the rate of eight and 3 one-third percent per month for each full month left in the registration 4 period. Application for such transfer shall be accompanied by a fee of 5 three dollars. Fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be 6 remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor 7 Vehicles Cash Fund.

8 (6) If the cost of manufacturing <u>a type of alternate license plate</u> 9 The Good Life Is Outside Plates at any time exceeds the amount charged 10 for a license plate plates pursuant to section 60-3,102, any money to be 11 credited to the <u>designated recipient of the alternate license plate fee</u> 12 pursuant to section 64 of this act Game and Parks State Park Improvement and Maintenance Fund shall instead be credited first to the Highway Trust 13 Fund in an amount equal to the difference between the manufacturing cost 14 15 of such type of alternate license plate costs of The Good Life Is Outside Plates and the amount charged pursuant to section 60-3,102 with respect 16 17 to such plate plates and the remainder shall be credited to the designated recipient of the alternate license plate fee pursuant to 18 19 section 64 of this act Game and Parks State Park Improvement and 20 Maintenance Fund for the purpose of trail improvement and maintenance.

21 Sec. 64. <u>The department shall issue the following types of</u> 22 <u>alternate license plates pursuant to this section, section 60-3,104, and</u> 23 <u>sections 62 and 63 of this act:</u>

(1) Breast Cancer Awareness Plates. The department shall design such
 plates to include a pink ribbon and the words "early detection saves
 lives" along the bottom of the plate. The designated recipient for
 alternate plate fees for Breast Cancer Awareness Plates is the University
 of Nebraska Medical Center for the breast cancer navigator program;

(2) Choose Life License Plates. The department shall design such
 plates to reflect support for the protection of Nebraska's children. The
 designated recipient for alternate plate fees for Choose Life License

1 Plates is the Health and Human Services Cash Fund to supplement federal 2 funds available to the Department of Health and Human Services for the 3 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, 42 U.S.C. 601, et seq.; (3) Donate Life Plates. The department shall design such plates to 4 5 reflect support for organ and tissue donation, registration as a donor on the Donor Registry of Nebraska, and the federally designated organ 6 7 procurement organization for Nebraska. The designated recipient for 8 alternate plate fees for Donate Life Plates is the Organ and Tissue Donor 9 Awareness and Education Fund; (4) Down Syndrome Awareness Plates. The department shall design such 10 11 plates to include the words "Down syndrome awareness" inside a heart-12 shaped yellow and blue ribbon. The designated recipient for alternate 13 plate fees for Down Syndrome Awareness Plates is the University of 14 Nebraska Medical Center for the Down Syndrome Clinic; 15 (5) Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water Plates. The department shall

15 (s) Josh the otter be safe Around water Flates. The department shall design such plates to include a blue background with the head of an otter surfacing above water surrounded by the words "Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water". The designated recipient for alternate plate fees for Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water Plates is the Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water Cash Fund;

(6) Mountain Lion Conservation Plates. The department shall design
 such plates to reflect support for the conservation of the mountain lion
 population. The designated recipient for alternate plate fees for
 Mountain Lion Conservation Plates is the Game and Parks Commission
 Educational Fund;

(7) Native American Cultural Awareness and History Plates. The
 department, in consultation with the Commission on Indian Affairs, shall
 design license plates that reflect the unique culture and history of
 Native American tribes historically and currently located in Nebraska.
 The designated recipient for alternate plate fees for Native American
 Cultural Awareness and History Plates is the Native American Scholarship

1 <u>and Leadership Fund;</u>

2 (8)(a) Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates. The department shall 3 design such plates to (i) include the word "Cornhuskers" or "Huskers" prominently in the design, (ii) use scarlet and cream colors in the 4 5 design or such other similar colors as the department determines to best represent the official team colors of the University of Nebraska 6 7 Cornhuskers athletic programs and to provide suitable reflection and 8 contrast, (iii) use cream or a similar color for the background of the 9 design and scarlet or a similar color for the printing, and (iv) create a design reflecting support for the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers 10 11 athletic programs in consultation with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln 12 Athletic Department.

(b) Alphanumeric Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates shall (i) be
 consecutively numbered beginning with the number one, using numerals the
 size of which maximizes legibility, and (ii) not use a county designation
 or any characters other than numbers on the spirit plates.

(c) Personalized message Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates shall be
 issued subject to the same conditions specified for message plates in
 subsection (2) of section 60-3,118. The characters used shall consist
 only of letters and numerals of the same size and design specified in
 section 60-3,100. A maximum of seven characters may be used.

(d) Each application for initial issuance or renewal of Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates shall be accompanied by a fee of seventy dollars. Fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be remitted to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit sixty percent of the fee to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and forty percent of the fee to the designated recipient for alternate plate fees.

(e) The designated recipient for alternate plate fees for Nebraska
 Cornhusker Spirit Plates is the Highway Trust Fund;

30 (9) Nebraska History Plates. The department shall design such plates
 31 in consultation with the Nebraska State Historical Society to reflect the

importance of historical preservation in Nebraska and the value of our 1 shared Nebraska history. The designated recipient for alternate plate 2 3 fees for Nebraska History Plates is the Support Nebraska History Cash 4 Fund; 5 (10) Pets for Vets Plates. The department shall design such plates to support veterans and companion or therapy pet animals. The designated 6 7 recipient for alternate plate fees for Pets for Vets Plates is the Pets 8 for Vets Cash Fund; 9 (11) Prostate Cancer Awareness Plates. The department shall design such plates to include a light blue ribbon and the words "early detection 10 11 saves lives" along the bottom of the plate. The designated recipient for alternate plate fees for Prostate Cancer Awareness Plates is the 12 13 University of Nebraska Medical Center for the Nebraska Prostate Cancer 14 <u>Research Program;</u> 15 (12) Sammy's Superheroes license plates for childhood cancer awareness. The department shall design such plates to include a blue 16 handprint over a yellow ribbon and the words "childhood cancer 17 awareness". The designated recipient for alternate plate fees for Sammy's 18 19 Superheroes license plates for childhood cancer awareness is the University of Nebraska Medical Center for pediatric cancer research; 20 21 (13)(a) Special interest motor vehicle license plates. The 22 department shall design such plates to include the words special 23 <u>interest.</u> 24 (b) Alphanumeric special interest motor vehicle license plates shall 25 be assigned a designation of up to seven characters and not use a county 26 designation. No alternate plate fee shall be charged for alphanumeric 27 special interest motor vehicle license plates. 28 (c) Personalized message special interest motor vehicle license 29 plates shall be issued subject to the same conditions specified for 30 personalized message license plates in section 60-3,118 and a maximum of

31 seven characters may be used. The alternate plate fee for personalized

message special interest motor vehicle license plates is ten dollars and
 shall be credited to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

3 (d) There is no designated recipient for alternate plate fees for
4 special interest motor vehicle license plates;

5 <u>(14)</u> Support the Arts Plates. The department shall design such 6 plates in consultation with the Nebraska Arts Council to reflect support 7 for the arts in Nebraska. The designated recipient for alternate plate 8 fees for Support the Arts Plates is the Support the Arts Cash Fund;

9 (15)(a) Support Our Troops Plates. The department shall design such
 10 plates to reflect support for troops from all branches of the armed
 11 forces. The designated recipient for alternate plate fees for Support Our
 12 Troops Plates is the Veterans Employment Program Fund.

(b)(i) Each application for initial issuance or renewal of
 alphanumeric Support Our Troops Plates shall be accompanied by a fee of
 five dollars. The State Treasurer shall credit five dollars of the fee to
 the designated recipient for alternate plate fees for Support Our Troops
 Plates.

18 (ii) Each application for initial issuance or renewal of 19 personalized message Support Our Troops Plates shall be accompanied by a 20 fee of seventy dollars. Twenty-five percent of such fee shall be credited 21 to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and seventy-five percent of 22 such fee shall be credited to the designated recipient for alternate 23 plate fees for Support Our Troops Plates;

24 (16) The Good Life Is Outside Plates. The department shall design 25 such plates to reflect the importance of safe walking and biking in 26 Nebraska and the value of our recreational trails. The designated 27 recipient for alternate plate fees for The Good Life Is Outside Plates is 28 the Game and Parks State Park Improvement and Maintenance Fund for the 29 purpose of trail improvement and maintenance; and

30 <u>(17) Wildlife Conservation Plates. The department shall create no</u> 31 more than three designs for such plates to reflect support for the <u>conservation of Nebraska wildlife, including sandhill cranes, bighorn</u>
 <u>sheep, and ornate box turtles. The designated recipient for alternate</u>
 <u>plate fees for Wildlife Conservation Plates is the Wildlife Conservation</u>
 <u>Fund.</u>

5 Sec. 65. Section 60-495, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 6 amended to read:

7 60-495 (1) The director may adopt and promulgate such rules and 8 regulations necessary to carry out sections 60-493 to 60-495 and the 9 duties of the department under the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act. 10 The director shall prepare and furnish all forms and information 11 necessary under the act.

12 (2) The Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness and Education Fund is created. Department personnel and the county treasurer shall remit all 13 14 funds contributed under sections 60-484, 60-4,144, and 60-4,181 to the 15 State Treasurer for credit to the fund. The fund shall also include any money credited to the fund pursuant to section 64 of this act 60-3,246. 16 17 The Department of Health and Human Services shall administer the Organ 18 and Tissue Donor Awareness and Education Fund for the promotion of organ and tissue donation. The department shall use the fund to assist 19 organizations such as the federally designated organ procurement 20 21 organization for Nebraska and the State Anatomical Board in carrying out 22 activities which promote organ and tissue donation through the creation 23 and dissemination of educational information. Any money in the fund 24 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska 25 26 State Funds Investment Act.

27 Sec. 66. Section 60-501, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is 28 amended to read:

29 60-501 For purposes of the Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act,
 30 unless the context otherwise requires:

31 (1) Department means Department of Motor Vehicles;

-76-

1 (2) Former military vehicle means a motor vehicle that was 2 manufactured for use in any country's military forces and is maintained 3 to accurately represent its military design and markings, regardless of 4 the vehicle's size or weight, but is no longer used, or never was used, 5 by a military force;

6 (3) Golf car vehicle means a vehicle that has at least four wheels, 7 has a maximum level ground speed of less than twenty miles per hour, has 8 a maximum payload capacity of one thousand two hundred pounds, has a 9 maximum gross vehicle weight of two thousand five hundred pounds, has a 10 maximum passenger capacity of not more than four persons, and is designed 11 and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting and 12 recreational purposes;

(4) Judgment means any judgment which shall have become final by the 13 14 expiration of the time within which an appeal might have been perfected 15 without being appealed, or by final affirmation on appeal, rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction of any state or of the United States, (a) 16 17 upon a cause of action arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of any motor vehicle for damages, including damages for care and loss of 18 services, because of bodily injury to or death of any person or for 19 damages because of injury to or destruction of property, including the 20 21 loss of use of such property thereof, or (b) upon a cause of action on an 22 agreement of settlement for such damages;

(5) License means any license issued to any person under the laws of
this state pertaining to operation of a motor vehicle within this state;

(6) Low-speed vehicle means a (a) four-wheeled motor vehicle (i) whose speed attainable in one mile is more than twenty miles per hour and not more than twenty-five miles per hour on a paved, level surface, (ii) whose gross vehicle weight rating is less than three thousand pounds, and (iii) that complies with 49 C.F.R. part 571, as such part existed on January 1, 2023, or (b) three-wheeled motor vehicle (i) whose maximum speed attainable is not more than twenty-five miles per hour on a paved,

-77-

1 level surface, (ii) whose gross vehicle weight rating is less than three 2 thousand pounds, and (iii) which is equipped with a windshield and an 3 occupant protection system. A motorcycle with a sidecar attached is not a 4 low-speed vehicle;

5 (7) Minitruck means a foreign-manufactured import vehicle or 6 domestic-manufactured vehicle which (a) is powered by an internal 7 combustion engine with a piston or rotor displacement of one thousand 8 five hundred cubic centimeters or less, (b) is sixty-seven inches or less 9 in width, (c) has a dry weight of four thousand two hundred pounds or less, (d) travels on four or more tires, (e) has a top speed of 10 11 approximately fifty-five miles per hour, (f) is equipped with a bed or 12 compartment for hauling, (g) has an enclosed passenger cab, (h) is equipped with headlights, taillights, turnsignals, windshield wipers, a 13 14 rearview mirror, and an occupant protection system, and (i) has a four-15 speed, five-speed, or automatic transmission;

(8) Motor vehicle means any self-propelled vehicle which is designed 16 17 for use upon a highway, including trailers designed for use with such vehicles, minitrucks, and low-speed vehicles. Motor vehicle includes a 18 former military vehicle. Motor vehicle does not include (a) mopeds as 19 20 defined in section 60-637, (b) traction engines, (c) road rollers, (d) 21 farm tractors, (e) tractor cranes, (f) power shovels, (g) well drillers, 22 (h) every vehicle which is propelled by electric power obtained from 23 overhead wires but not operated upon rails, (i) electric personal 24 assistive mobility devices as defined in section 60-618.02, (j) off-road designed vehicles, including, but not limited to, golf car vehicles, go-25 26 carts, riding lawnmowers, garden tractors, all-terrain vehicles and 27 utility-type vehicles as defined in section 60-6,355, minibikes as defined in section 60-636, and snowmobiles as defined in section 60-663, 28 29 and (k) bicycles as defined in section 60-611;

30 (9) Nonresident means every person who is not a resident of this31 state;

-78-

(10) Nonresident's operating privilege means the privilege conferred
 upon a nonresident by the laws of this state pertaining to the operation
 by him or her of a motor vehicle by the nonresident or the use of a motor
 vehicle owned by the nonresident him or her in this state;

5 (11) Operator means every person who is in actual physical control6 of a motor vehicle;

7 (12) Owner means a person who holds the legal title of a motor 8 vehicle, or in the event (a) a motor vehicle is the subject of an 9 agreement for the conditional sale or lease of such motor vehicle thereof with the right of purchase upon performance of the conditions stated in 10 11 the agreement and with an immediate right of possession vested in the 12 conditional vendee or lessee or (b) a mortgagor of a vehicle is entitled to possession, then such conditional vendee or lessee or mortgagor shall 13 14 be deemed the owner for the purposes of the act;

(13) Person means every natural person, firm, partnership, limited
liability company, association, or corporation;

17 (14) Proof of financial responsibility means evidence of ability to respond in damages for liability, on account of accidents occurring 18 subsequent to the effective date of such proof, arising out of the 19 20 ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle, (a) in the amount of 21 twenty-five thousand dollars because of bodily injury to or death of one 22 person in any one accident, (b) subject to such limit for one person, in 23 the amount of fifty thousand dollars because of bodily injury to or death 24 of two or more persons in any one accident, and (c) in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars because of injury to or destruction of 25 26 property of others in any one accident;

(15) Registration means registration certificate or certificates and
 registration <u>plate or plates</u> issued under the laws of this state
 pertaining to the registration of motor vehicles;

30 (16) State means any state, territory, or possession of the United
31 States, the District of Columbia, or any province of the Dominion of

-79-

1 Canada; and

2 (17) The forfeiture of bail, not vacated, or of collateral deposited
3 to secure an appearance for trial shall be regarded as equivalent to
4 conviction of the offense charged.

5 Sec. 67. Section 60-653, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 6 amended to read:

60-653 Registration shall mean the registration certificate or
certificates and license <u>plate or plates</u> issued under the Motor Vehicle
Registration Act.

10 Sec. 68. Section 60-683, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 11 amended to read:

12 60-683 All peace officers are hereby specifically directed and authorized and it shall be deemed and considered a part of the official 13 14 duties of each of such officers to enforce the provisions of the Nebraska 15 Rules of the Road, including the specific enforcement of maximum speed limits, and any other law regulating the operation of vehicles or the use 16 17 of the highways. To perform the official duties imposed by this section, the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety and all officers 18 of the Nebraska State Patrol shall have the powers stated in section 19 20 81-2005. All other peace officers shall have the power:

(1) To make arrests upon view and without warrant for any violation
committed in their presence of any of the provisions of the Motor Vehicle
Operator's License Act or of any other law regulating the operation of
vehicles or the use of the highways, if and when designated or called
upon to do so as provided by law;

(2) To make arrests upon view and without warrant for any violation
committed in their presence of any provision of the laws of this state
relating to misdemeanors or felonies, if and when designated or called
upon to do so as provided by law;

30 (3) At all times to direct all traffic in conformity with law or, in
31 the event of a fire or other emergency or in order to expedite traffic or

-80-

1 <u>ensure</u> safety, to direct traffic as conditions may require;

(4) When in uniform, to require the driver of a vehicle to stop and 2 3 exhibit the driver's his or her operator's license and registration certificate issued for the vehicle and submit to an inspection of such 4 5 vehicle and the license <u>plate</u> plates and registration certificate for the 6 vehicle and to require the driver of a motor vehicle to present the 7 vehicle within five days for correction of any defects revealed by such motor vehicle inspection as may lead the inspecting officer to reasonably 8 9 believe that such motor vehicle is being operated in violation of the statutes of Nebraska or the rules and regulations of the Director of 10 11 Motor Vehicles;

12 (5) To inspect any vehicle of a type required to be registered
13 according to law in any public garage or repair shop or in any place
14 where such a vehicle is held for sale or wrecking;

15 (6) To serve warrants relating to the enforcement of the laws
 16 regulating the operation of vehicles or the use of the highways; and

17 (7) To investigate traffic accidents for the purpose of carrying on
18 a study of traffic accidents and enforcing motor vehicle and highway
19 safety laws.

20 Sec. 69. Section 60-6,197.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 21 is amended to read:

60-6,197.01 (1) Upon conviction for a violation described in section
60-6,197.06 or a second or subsequent violation of section 60-6,196 or
60-6,197, the court shall impose either of the following restrictions:

(a)(i) The court shall order all motor vehicles owned by the person so convicted immobilized at the owner's expense for a period of time not less than five days and not more than eight months and shall notify the Department of Motor Vehicles of the period of immobilization. Any immobilized motor vehicle shall be released to the holder of a bona fide lien on the motor vehicle executed prior to such immobilization when possession of the motor vehicle is requested as provided by law by such

-81-

lienholder for purposes of foreclosing and satisfying such lien. If a 1 2 person tows and stores a motor vehicle pursuant to this subdivision at 3 the direction of a peace officer or the court and has a lien upon such motor vehicle while it is in such person's his or her possession for 4 5 reasonable towing and storage charges, the person towing the vehicle has 6 the right to retain such motor vehicle until such lien is paid. For 7 purposes of this subdivision, immobilized or immobilization means revocation or suspension, at the discretion of the court, of the 8 9 registration of such motor vehicle or motor vehicles, including the license <u>plate</u> plates; and 10

11 (ii)(A) Any immobilized motor vehicle shall be released by the court 12 without any legal or physical restraints to any registered owner who is not the registered owner convicted of a second or subsequent violation of 13 14 section 60-6,196 or 60-6,197 if an affidavit is submitted to the court by 15 such registered owner stating that the affiant is employed, that the motor vehicle subject to immobilization is necessary to continue that 16 17 employment, that such employment is necessary for the well-being of the 18 affiant's dependent children or parents, that the affiant will not authorize the use of the motor vehicle by any person known by the affiant 19 20 to have been convicted of a second or subsequent violation of section 21 60-6,196 or 60-6,197, that affiant will immediately report to a local law 22 enforcement agency any unauthorized use of the motor vehicle by any 23 person known by the affiant to have been convicted of a second or 24 subsequent conviction of section 60-6,196 or 60-6,197, and that failure to release the motor vehicle would cause undue hardship to the affiant. 25

(B) A registered owner who executes an affidavit pursuant to subdivision (1)(a)(ii)(A) of this section which is acted upon by the court and who fails to immediately report an unauthorized use of the motor vehicle which is the subject of the affidavit is guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor and may not file any additional affidavits pursuant to subdivision (1)(a)(ii)(A) of this section.

-82-

(C) The department shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations
 to implement the provisions of subdivision (1)(a) of this section; or

3 (b) As an alternative to subdivision (1)(a) of this section, the court shall order the convicted person, in order to operate a motor 4 5 vehicle, to obtain an ignition interlock permit and install an ignition 6 interlock device on each motor vehicle owned or operated by the convicted 7 person if such person he or she was sentenced to an operator's license 8 revocation of at least one year. If the person's operator's license has 9 been revoked for at least a one-year period, after a minimum of a fortyfive-day no driving period, the person may operate a motor vehicle with 10 11 an ignition interlock permit and an ignition interlock device pursuant to 12 this subdivision and shall retain the ignition interlock permit and ignition interlock device for not less than a one-year period or the 13 14 period of revocation ordered by the court, whichever is longer. No 15 ignition interlock permit may be issued until sufficient evidence is presented to the department that an ignition interlock device is 16 17 installed on each vehicle and that the applicant is eligible for use of an ignition interlock device. If the person has an ignition interlock 18 device installed as required under this subdivision, the person shall not 19 be eligible for reinstatement of <u>an</u> his or her operator's license until 20 21 an he or she has had the ignition interlock device is installed for the 22 period ordered by the court.

23 (2) In addition to the restrictions required by subdivision (1)(b)24 of this section, the court may require a person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of section 60-6,196 or 60-6,197 to use a continuous 25 26 alcohol monitoring device and abstain from alcohol use for a period of 27 time not to exceed the maximum term of license revocation ordered by the court. A continuous alcohol monitoring device shall not be ordered for a 28 29 person convicted of a second or subsequent violation unless the 30 installation of an ignition interlock device is also required.

31

Sec. 70. Section 60-1306, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

-83-

1 amended to read:

2 60-1306 The carrier enforcement officers shall have the power (1) of 3 peace officers solely for the purpose of enforcing the International Fuel Tax Agreement Act and the provisions of law relating to the size, weight, 4 5 and load and the Motor Vehicle Registration Act pertaining to buses, motor trucks, truck-tractors, semitrailers, trailers, and towed vehicles, 6 7 (2) when in uniform, to require the driver thereof to stop and exhibit 8 the driver's his or her operator's license and registration issued for 9 the vehicle and submit to an inspection of such vehicle, the license plate plates, the registration thereon, and licenses and permits required 10 11 under the motor fuel laws, (3) to make arrests upon view and without warrant for any violation committed in their presence of the provisions 12 of the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act or of any other law 13 14 regulating the operation of vehicles or the use of the highways while in 15 the performance of their duties referred to in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section and of sections 60-1308, 60-1309, 16 and 75-362 to 17 75-369.07, (4) to make arrests upon view and without warrant for any violation committed in their presence which is a misdemeanor or felony 18 under the laws of this state while in the performance of their duties 19 20 referred to in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section and of sections 21 60-1308, 60-1309, and 75-362 to 75-369.07, and (5) to make arrests on 22 warrant for any violation which is a misdemeanor or felony under the laws 23 of this state while in the performance of their duties referred to in 24 subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section and of sections 60-1308, 60-1309, and 75-362 to 75-369.07. 25

Any funds used to arm carrier enforcement officers shall be paid solely from the Carrier Enforcement Cash Fund. The amount of funds shall be determined by the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety.

29 Sec. 71. Section 60-1901, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 30 amended to read:

31

60-1901 (1) A motor vehicle is an abandoned vehicle:

-84-

1 (a) If left unattended, with no license <u>plate</u> plates or valid In 2 Transit <u>sticker</u> stickers issued pursuant to the Motor Vehicle 3 Registration Act affixed thereto, for more than six hours on any public 4 property;

5 (b) If left unattended for more than twenty-four hours on any public
6 property, except <u>where</u> a portion thereof on which parking is legally
7 permitted;

8 (c) If left unattended for more than forty-eight hours, after the 9 parking of such vehicle has become illegal, if left on a portion of any 10 public property on which parking is legally permitted;

(d) If left unattended for more than seven days on private property if left initially without permission of the owner, or after permission of the owner is terminated;

(e) If left for more than thirty days in the custody of a law
enforcement agency after the agency has sent a letter to the lastregistered owner and lienholder under section 60-1903.01; or

17 (f) If removed from private property by a municipality pursuant to a18 municipal ordinance.

19 (2) An all-terrain vehicle, a utility-type vehicle, or a minibike is20 an abandoned vehicle:

(a) If left unattended for more than twenty-four hours on any public
 property, except <u>where</u> a portion thereof on which parking is legally
 permitted;

(b) If left unattended for more than forty-eight hours, after the
parking of such vehicle has become illegal, if left on a portion of any
public property on which parking is legally permitted;

(c) If left unattended for more than seven days on private property
if left initially without permission of the owner, or after permission of
the owner is terminated;

30 (d) If left for more than thirty days in the custody of a law 31 enforcement agency after the agency has sent a letter to the last-

-85-

1 registered owner and lienholder under section 60-1903.01; or

2 (e) If removed from private property by a municipality pursuant to a3 municipal ordinance.

4 (3) A mobile home is an abandoned vehicle if left in place on 5 private property for more than thirty days after a local governmental 6 unit, pursuant to an ordinance or resolution, has sent a certified letter 7 to each of the last-registered owners and posted a notice on the mobile 8 home, stating that the mobile home is subject to sale or auction or 9 vesting of title as set forth in section 60-1903.

10 (4) For purposes of this section:

11 (a) Mobile home means a movable or portable dwelling constructed to 12 be towed on its own chassis, connected to utilities, and designed with or without a permanent foundation for year-round living. It may consist of 13 14 one or more units that can be telescoped when towed and expanded later 15 for additional capacity, or of two or more units, separately towable but designed to be joined into one integral unit, and shall include a 16 manufactured home as defined in section 71-4603. Mobile home does not 17 include a mobile home or manufactured home for which an affidavit of 18 affixture has been recorded pursuant to section 60-169; 19

(b) Public property means any public right-of-way, street, highway,
alley, or park or other state, county, or municipally owned property; and
(c) Private property means any privately owned property which is not
included within the definition of public property.

(5) No motor vehicle subject to forfeiture under section 28-431
shall be an abandoned vehicle under this section.

26 Sec. 72. Section 60-1902, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 27 amended to read:

60-1902 If an abandoned vehicle, at the time of abandonment, has no license <u>plate</u> plates of the current year or valid In Transit <u>sticker</u> stickers issued pursuant to section 60-376 affixed and is of a wholesale value, taking into consideration the condition of the vehicle, of five

-86-

1 hundred dollars or less, title shall immediately vest in the local 2 authority or state agency having jurisdiction thereof as provided in 3 section 60-1904. Any certificate of title issued under this section to 4 the local authority or state agency shall be issued at no cost to such 5 authority or agency.

6 Sec. 73. Section 60-1903, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is7 amended to read:

8 60-1903 (1) Except for vehicles governed by section 60-1902, the 9 local authority or state agency having custody of an abandoned vehicle 10 shall make an inquiry concerning the last-registered owner of such 11 vehicle as follows:

(a) Abandoned vehicle with license <u>plate</u> plates affixed, to the
 jurisdiction which issued such license <u>plate</u> plates; or

(b) Abandoned vehicle with no license <u>plate</u> plates affixed, to the
 Department of Motor Vehicles.

(2) The local authority or state agency shall notify the last-16 17 registered owner, if any, and any lienholder, if any, within fifteen business days that the vehicle in question has been determined to be an 18 abandoned vehicle and that, if unclaimed, either (a) it will be sold or 19 20 will be offered at public auction after five days from the date such 21 notice was mailed or (b) title will vest in the local authority or state 22 agency thirty days after the date such notice was mailed. If the agency 23 described in subdivision (1)(a) or (b) of this section also notifies the 24 local authority or state agency that a lien or mortgage exists, such notice shall also be sent to the lienholder or mortgagee. Any person 25 26 claiming such vehicle shall be required to pay the cost of removal and 27 storage of such vehicle.

(3) Title to an abandoned vehicle, if unclaimed, shall vest in the
local authority or state agency (a) five days after the date the notice
is mailed if the vehicle will be sold or offered at public auction under
subdivision (2)(a) of this section, (b) thirty days after the date the

-87-

notice is mailed if the local authority or state agency will retain the vehicle, or (c) if the last-registered owner cannot be ascertained, when notice of such fact is received.

(4) After title to the abandoned vehicle vests pursuant 4 to 5 subsection (3) of this section, the local authority or state agency may retain for use, sell, or auction the abandoned vehicle. If the local 6 7 authority or state agency has determined that the vehicle should be retained for use, the local authority or state agency shall, at the same 8 9 time that the notice, if any, is mailed, publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdiction an announcement that the local 10 authority or state agency intends to retain the abandoned vehicle for its 11 use and that title will vest in the local authority or state agency 12 thirty days after the publication. 13

14 Sec. 74. Section 60-1908, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 15 amended to read:

16 60-1908 No person other than one authorized by the appropriate local 17 authority or state agency shall destroy, deface, or remove any part of a 18 vehicle which is left unattended on a highway or other public place 19 without <u>a license plate</u> plates affixed or which is abandoned. Anyone 20 violating this section shall be guilty of a Class V misdemeanor.

Sec. 75. Section 66-1406.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2022, is amended to read:

66-1406.02 (1) The director may suspend, revoke, cancel, or refuse
to issue or renew a license under the International Fuel Tax Agreement
Act:

(a) If the applicant's or licensee's registration certificate issued
pursuant to the International Registration Plan Act has been suspended,
revoked, or canceled or the director refused to issue or renew such
certificate;

30 (b) If the applicant or licensee is in violation of sections 75-392
31 to 75-3,100;

-88-

1

(c) If the applicant's or licensee's security has been canceled;

2 (d) If the applicant or licensee failed to provide additional3 security as required;

4 (e) If the applicant or licensee failed to file any report or return 5 required by the motor fuel laws, filed an incomplete report or return 6 required by the motor fuel laws, did not file any report or return 7 required by the motor fuel laws electronically, or did not file a report 8 or return required by the motor fuel laws on time;

9 (f) If the applicant or licensee failed to pay taxes required by the 10 motor fuel laws due within the time provided;

(g) If the applicant or licensee filed any false report, return, statement, or affidavit, required by the motor fuel laws, knowing it to be false;

(h) If the applicant or licensee would no longer be eligible toobtain a license; or

(i) If the applicant or licensee committed any other violation of
the International Fuel Tax Agreement Act or the rules and regulations
adopted and promulgated under the act.

(2) Prior to taking any action pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the director shall notify and advise the applicant or licensee of the proposed action and the reasons for such action in writing, by regular United States mail, to <u>the his or her</u> last-known business address as shown on the application or license. The notice shall also include an advisement of the procedures in subsection (3) of this section.

(3) The applicant or licensee may, within thirty days after the mailing of the notice, petition the director in writing for a hearing to contest the proposed action. The hearing shall be commenced in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the Department of Motor Vehicles. If a petition is filed, the director shall, within twenty days after receipt of the petition, set a hearing date at which the applicant or licensee may show cause why the proposed action should

-89-

not be taken. The director shall give the applicant or licensee reasonable notice of the time and place of the hearing. If the director's decision is adverse to the applicant or licensee, the applicant or licensee may appeal the decision in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

6 (4) Except as provided in subsection (2) of section 60-3,205 and 7 subsection (8) of this section, the filing of the petition shall stay any 8 action by the director until a hearing is held and a final decision and 9 order is issued.

10 (5) Except as provided in subsection (2) of section 60-3,205 and 11 subsection (8) of this section, if no petition is filed at the expiration 12 of thirty days after the date on which the notification was mailed, the 13 director may take the proposed action described in the notice.

14 (6) Except as provided in subsection (2) of section 60-3,205 and 15 subsection (8) of this section, if, in the judgment of the director, the applicant or licensee has complied with or is no longer in violation of 16 17 the provisions for which the director took action under this section, the director may reinstate the license without delay. An applicant for 18 reinstatement, issuance, or renewal of a license within three years after 19 the date of suspension, revocation, cancellation, or refusal to issue or 20 21 renew shall submit a fee of one hundred dollars to the director. The 22 director shall remit the fee to the State Treasurer for credit to the 23 Highway Cash Fund.

(7) Suspension of, revocation of, cancellation of, or refusal to
issue or renew a license by the director shall not relieve any person
from making or filing the reports or returns required by the motor fuel
laws in the manner or within the time required.

(8) Any person who receives notice from the director of action taken
pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall, within three business
days, return such registration certificate and <u>every license plate plates</u>
issued pursuant to section 60-3,198 to the department. If any person

-90-

fails to return the registration certificate and <u>every</u> license <u>plate</u>
plates to the department, the department shall notify the Nebraska State
Patrol that any such person is in violation of this section.

Sec. 76. Section 80-414, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2022, is amended to read:

6 80-414 (1) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall create and 7 maintain a registry of residents of Nebraska who meet the requirements 8 for:

9 (a) <u>A</u>Gold Star Family license <u>plate</u> plates under section 10 60-3,122.02;

11 (b) <u>A</u> Military Honor <u>Plate</u> Plates under section 60-3,122.04;

(c) <u>A prisoner Prisoner</u>-of-war license <u>plate</u> plates under section
 60-3,123;

(d) <u>A disabled</u> Disabled veteran license <u>plate</u> plates under section
 60-3,124;

(e) <u>A</u> Purple Heart license <u>plate</u> plates under section 60-3,125; and
 (f) A veteran designation on an operator's license or a state
 identification card under section 60-4,189.

(2) The Department of Veterans' Affairs may adopt and promulgate 19 20 rules and regulations governing the establishment and maintenance of the 21 registry. The registry may be used to assist the department in carrying 22 out the duties of the department and shall provide for the collection of 23 sufficient information to identify an individual who qualifies for a 24 license plate or designation listed in subsection (1) of this section. The registry may include information such as identifying information on 25 26 an individual, an individual's records on active duty or reserve duty in 27 the armed forces of the United States, or an individual's status of active duty, reserve duty, retired, discharged, or other. 28

(3) Any resident of Nebraska who meets the requirements for a
license plate or designation listed in subsection (1) of this section
shall register with the Department of Veterans' Affairs using the

-91-

registry created by this section before being eligible for such license
 plate or designation. No person shall be deemed eligible until <u>such</u>
 <u>person's</u> his or her status has been verified on the registry.

4 (4) The Department of Motor Vehicles may adopt and promulgate rules 5 and regulations governing use of the registry of the Department of 6 Veterans' Affairs for determination of eligibility for a license plate or 7 designation listed in subsection (1) of this section.

8 (5) The eligibility requirements described in section 60-4,189 that 9 are used in determining eligibility for a veteran designation on an 10 operator's license or a state identification card shall apply only for 11 purposes of such section and shall not apply in determining veteran 12 status for any other purpose.

Sec. 77. Section 80-415, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2022, is amended to read:

15 80-415 The Veterans Employment Program Fund is created. The fund shall consist of money credited pursuant to section <u>64 of this act</u> 16 17 60-3,244 and any other money as appropriated by the Legislature. The fund shall be administered by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, which shall 18 use the fund for recruiting and education to attract veterans recently 19 20 released from service to live and work in Nebraska, including the 21 development and implementation of a website as required by section 22 48-203. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital 23 24 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

Sec. 78. Section 80-416, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
26 2022, is amended to read:

27 80-416 The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall create a program 28 for the purpose of providing financial support to veterans for the costs 29 associated with adopting a pet animal. The department shall use the money 30 credited to the Pets for Vets Cash Fund under section <u>64 of this act</u> 31 $\frac{60-3,250}{250}$ to award grants to carry out the purposes of such program. The

-92-

department may administer the program or contract with an organization
 dedicated to the care of dogs and cats to administer the program.

3 Sec. 79. Section 80-417, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2022, is amended to read:

5 80-417 The Pets for Vets Cash Fund is created for the purpose of 6 administering the veteran grant program created under section 80-416. The 7 fund shall consist of money credited to the fund pursuant to section <u>64</u> 8 <u>of this act 60-3,250</u>. Any money in the fund available for investment 9 shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the 10 Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment 11 Act.

Sec. 80. Section 81-8,310, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2022, is amended to read:

14 81-8,310 (1) The Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission shall develop 15 programs and plans for official observance of the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of Nebraska statehood in 2017. The commission shall work 16 17 closely with various state agencies, boards, commissions, and political subdivisions, including the State Department of Education, the Department 18 of Transportation, the Nebraska State Historical Society, the Nebraska 19 20 State Fair Board, the Game and Parks Commission, and the Nebraska Tourism 21 Commission, to execute commemorative events and to implement educational 22 activities with emphasis on events and activities that promote Nebraska 23 and its economy by focusing on the state's history, cultural diversity, 24 and unique geography. The commission may also seek the guidance and support of any other groups or organizations the commission deems 25 26 necessary or helpful in fulfilling its purpose.

(2) The commission may employ personnel, contract for services, and receive, expend, and allocate gifts, grants, and donations to aid in the performance of its duties. The commission is empowered to expend and allocate any appropriations authorized by the Legislature to carry out the purposes of sections 81-8,309 and 81-8,310.

-93-

1 (3) The commission shall expend and allocate at least five percent 2 of the money in the Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial Plate Proceeds Fund on 3 January 1, 2017, for awarding one or more grants to any person who 4 applies to the commission for support for a local sesquicentennial event 5 or project according to standards and guidelines determined by the 6 commission.

7 <u>(3)</u> (4) The commission shall report electronically to the 8 Legislature on or before July 1 in 2016, 2017, and 2018 detailing the 9 expenditures made from the fund pursuant to this section.

Sec. 81. Section 81-2005, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

12 81-2005 <u>The On and after July 20, 2002, the</u> Superintendent of Law 13 Enforcement and Public Safety and all officers of the Nebraska State 14 Patrol, except all carrier enforcement officers assigned to the carrier 15 enforcement division, shall have the power:

(1) Of peace officers for the purpose of enforcing the Motor Vehicle
Operator's License Act, the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, the Nebraska
Rules of the Road, and any other law regulating the registration or
operation of vehicles or the use of the highways;

(2) To make arrests upon view and without warrant for any violation
committed in their presence of any of the provisions of the Motor Vehicle
Operator's License Act, the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, the Nebraska
Rules of the Road, or any other law regulating the operation of vehicles
or the use of the highways, if and when designated or called upon to do
so as provided by law;

(3) To make arrests upon view and without warrant for any violation
committed in their presence of any provision of the laws of the state
relating to misdemeanors or felonies, if and when designated or called
upon to do so as provided by law;

30 (4) At all times to direct all traffic in conformity with law or, in
31 the event of a fire or other emergency or in order to expedite traffic or

-94-

1 <u>ensure</u> insure safety, to direct traffic as conditions may require 2 notwithstanding the provisions of law;

3 (5) When in uniform, to require the driver of a vehicle to stop and exhibit the driver's his or her operator's license and registration card 4 5 issued for the vehicle and submit to an inspection of such vehicle and 6 the license plate plates and registration card for such vehicle thereon 7 and to require the drivers of motor vehicles to present such vehicles 8 within five days for correction of any defects revealed by such motor 9 vehicle inspection as may lead the inspecting officer to reasonably believe that such motor vehicle is being operated in violation of the 10 11 statutes of Nebraska or the rules and regulations of the Director of 12 Motor Vehicles;

(6) To inspect any vehicle of a type required to be registered under
the Motor Vehicle Registration Act in any public garage or repair shop or
in any place where such vehicles are held for sale or wrecking;

16 (7) To serve warrants relating to the enforcement of the laws 17 regulating the operation of vehicles or the use of the highways;

(8) To investigate traffic accidents for the purpose of carrying on
a study of traffic accidents and enforcing motor vehicle and highway
safety laws; and

(9) To operate weighing stations and portable scales and to perform
 carrier enforcement powers and duties prescribed in sections 60-1301 to
 60-1309.

Carrier enforcement officers appointed to the carrier enforcement division before July 20, 2002, shall have the powers and duties prescribed in sections 60-1301 to 60-1309.

Sec. 82. Section 81-2517, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
28 2022, is amended to read:

29 81-2517 The Native American Scholarship and Leadership Fund is 30 created. The fund shall be administered by the Commission on Indian 31 Affairs and shall consist of money credited to the fund pursuant to

-95-

section <u>64 of this act 60-3,235</u>. The commission shall use the fund to provide scholarships to Native Americans to attend a postsecondary educational institution in this state and to provide other leadership opportunities to Native Americans as determined by the commission. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

8 Sec. 83. Section 82-139, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
9 2022, is amended to read:

82-139 The Support Nebraska History Cash Fund is created. The fund 10 11 shall consist of money credited to the fund under section 64 of this act 12 60-3,256 and any other gifts, bequests, grants, or other contributions or donations to the fund from public or private entities. The Nebraska State 13 14 Historical Society shall administer and distribute the Support Nebraska 15 History Cash Fund. The fund shall be expended to promote the history of Nebraska on the Internet, to support history education for children in 16 17 Nebraska, and for costs directly related to the administration of the fund. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by 18 the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion 19 Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. 20

21 Sec. 84. Section 82-334, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is 22 amended to read:

82-334 (1) The Support the Arts Cash Fund is created. The fund shall
consist of all money credited to the fund pursuant to section <u>64 of this</u>
<u>act</u> 60-3,252 and all money transferred to the fund pursuant to section
13-3108.

(2) The Nebraska Arts Council shall administer and distribute the
Support the Arts Cash Fund. The fund shall be expended by the Nebraska
Arts Council (a) to provide aid to communities that designate a focus
area of the city or village for arts and cultural development, (b) to
provide money for a competitive grant program that awards a grant to any

-96-

13

1 creative district that meets the criteria for the competitive grant, if 2 such program exists, (c) to provide money for the competitive grant 3 program for cities of the first class, cities of the second class, and 4 villages described in section 82-335, and (d) to defray costs directly 5 related to the administration of the fund.

6 (3) All money transferred to the fund pursuant to section 13-3108 7 shall be used for the competitive grant program for cities of the first 8 class, cities of the second class, and villages described in section 9 82-335.

(4) Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested
by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital
Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

Sec. 85. This act becomes operative on August 1, 2024.

14 Sec. 86. Original sections 37-327.04, 60-163, 60-180, 60-301, 15 60-308, 60-366, 60-376, 60-393, 60-395, 60-396, 60-397, 60-398, 60-399, 16 60-3,100, 60-3,104, 60-3,104.01, 60-3,104.02, 60-3,105, 60-3,107, 17 60-3,109, 60-3,113, 60-3,118, 60-3,120, 60-3,121, 60-3,122.01, 60-3,122.04, 60-3,129, 60-3,130, 60-3,130.01, 60-3,130.03, 60-3,130.04, 18 19 60-3,130.05, 60-3,134, 60-3,135, 60-3,141, 60-3,145, 60-3,146, 60-3,147, 60-3,149, 60-3,150, 60-3,157, 60-3,167, 60-3,175, 60-3,176, 60-3,222, 20 21 60-3,228, 60-3,236, 60-3,254, 60-495, 60-653, 60-683, 60-6,197.01, 22 60-1306, 60-1901, 60-1902, 60-1903, 60-1908, and 81-2005, Reissue Revised Nebraska, sections 37-112, 37-811, 23 Statutes of 60-392, 60-3,101, 24 60-3,119, 60-3,122, 60-3,122.02, 60-3,122.03, 60-3,102, 60-3,123, 60-3,124, 60-3,125, 60-3,126, 60-3,130.02, 60-3,253, 66-1406.02, 80-414, 25 26 80-415, 80-416, 80-417, 81-8,310, 81-2517, and 82-139, Revised Statutes 27 Cumulative Supplement, 2022, and sections 60-501 and 82-334, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, are repealed. 28

Sec. 87. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections
60-3,127, 60-3,223, 60-3,224, 60-3,225, 60-3,227, 60-3,230, 60-3,231,
60-3,234, 60-3,235, 60-3,238, 60-3,239, 60-3,240, 60-3,242, 60-3,244,

-97-

60-3,246, 60-3,248, 60-3,250, 60-3,252, 60-3,255, 60-3,256, 60-3,257, and
 60-3,258, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-3,128,
 60-3,135.01, 60-3,226, 60-3,232, 60-3,233, 60-3,237, 60-3,241, 60-3,243,
 60-3,245, 60-3,247, 60-3,249, and 60-3,251, Revised Statutes Cumulative
 Supplement, 2022.