E AND R AMENDMENTS TO LB 398

Introduced by Guereca, 7, Chairman Enrollment and Review

Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
 insert the following new sections:

3 Section 1. Section 18-1737, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2024, is amended to read:

5 18-1737 (1) Any city or village, any state agency, and any person in 6 lawful possession of any offstreet parking facility may designate stalls 7 or spaces, including access aisles, in such facility owned or operated by the city, village, state agency, or person for the exclusive use of 8 handicapped or disabled persons whose motor vehicles display the 9 distinguishing license plates issued to such individuals pursuant to 10 section 60-3,113, such other handicapped or disabled persons 11 or temporarily handicapped or disabled persons whose motor vehicles display 12 13 a handicapped or disabled parking permit, and such other motor vehicles which display a handicapped or disabled parking permit. Such designation 14 shall be made by posting aboveground and immediately adjacent to and 15 visible from each stall or space, including access aisles, a sign which 16 is in conformance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices 17 adopted pursuant to section 60-6,118 and the federal Americans with 18 Disabilities Act of 1990 and the federal regulations adopted in response 19 20 to the act, as the act and the regulations existed on January 1, 2025 <del>2024</del>. 21

(2) The owner or person in lawful possession of an offstreet parking facility, after notifying the police or sheriff's department, as the case may be, and any city, village, or state agency providing onstreet parking or owning, operating, or providing an offstreet parking facility may cause the removal, from a stall or space, including access aisles, designated exclusively for handicapped or disabled persons or temporarily

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handicapped or disabled persons or motor vehicles for the transportation of handicapped or disabled persons or temporarily handicapped or disabled persons, of any vehicle not displaying the proper handicapped or disabled parking permit or the distinguishing license plates specified in this section if there is posted aboveground and immediately adjacent to and visible from such stall or space, including access aisles, a sign which clearly and conspicuously states the area so designated as a tow-in zone.

8 (3) A person who parks a vehicle in any onstreet parking space or 9 access aisle which has been designated exclusively for handicapped or disabled persons or temporarily handicapped or disabled persons or motor 10 11 vehicles for the transportation of handicapped or disabled persons or 12 temporarily handicapped or disabled persons, or in any so exclusively designated parking space or access aisle in any offstreet parking 13 14 facility, without properly displaying the proper license plates or 15 handicapped or disabled parking permit or when the handicapped or disabled person to whom or for whom, as the case may be, the license 16 plate or permit is issued will not enter or exit the vehicle while it is 17 18 parked in the designated space or access aisle shall be guilty of a handicapped parking infraction as defined in section 18-1741.01 and shall 19 20 be subject to the penalties and procedures set forth in sections 21 18-1741.01 to 18-1741.07. The display on a motor vehicle of a 22 distinguishing license plate or permit issued to a handicapped or 23 disabled person by and under the duly constituted authority of another 24 state shall constitute a full and complete defense in any action for a handicapped parking infraction as defined in section 18-1741.01. If the 25 26 identity of the person who parked the vehicle in violation of this 27 section cannot be readily determined, the owner or person in whose name the vehicle is registered shall be held prima facie responsible for such 28 29 violation and shall be guilty and subject to the penalties and procedures 30 described in this section. In the case of a privately owned offstreet parking facility, a city or village shall not require the owner or person 31

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in lawful possession of such facility to inform the city or village of a
violation of this section prior to the city or village issuing the
violator a handicapped parking infraction citation.

(4) For purposes of this section and section 18-1741.01, state 4 5 agency means any division, department, board, bureau, commission, or agency of the State of Nebraska created by the Constitution of Nebraska 6 7 or established by act of the Legislature, including the University of 8 Nebraska and the Nebraska state colleges, when the entity owns, leases, 9 controls, or manages property which includes offstreet parking 10 facilities.

Sec. 2. Section 37-112, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

37-112 The Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water Cash Fund is created 13 14 for the purpose of funding the program set forth in section 37-111. The 15 fund shall consist of any money credited to the fund pursuant to section <u>35 of this act</u> <del>60-3,258</del>. The fund may also receive gifts, bequests, 16 grants, or other contributions or donations from public or private 17 entities. The state investment officer shall invest any money in the fund 18 available for investment pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act 19 20 and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

Sec. 3. Section 37-327.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 22 2024, is amended to read:

23 37-327.03 The Game and Parks State Park Improvement and Maintenance 24 Fund is created. The fund shall consist of transfers made by the Legislature, money credited to the fund pursuant to section 35 of this 25 26 act 60-3,254, and any gifts, grants, bequests, or donations to the fund. 27 The money credited to the fund pursuant to section <u>35 of this act</u> 60-3,254 shall be used only for the improvement and maintenance of state 28 29 recreational trails as defined in section 37-338. Any other money in the 30 fund shall be used to build, repair, renovate, rehabilitate, restore, modify, or improve any infrastructure in the state park system. Any money 31

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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. Beginning October 1, 2024, any investment earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the General Fund.

Sec. 4. 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. 8 9 The fund shall consist of money credited pursuant to section 35 of this act 60-3,227 and any other money as determined by the Legislature. The 10 11 commission shall use the fund to provide youth education programs relating to wildlife conservation practices. Any money in the fund 12 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment 13 14 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska 15 State Funds Investment Act.

16 Sec. 5. Section 37-811, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 17 2024, is amended to read:

37-811 There is hereby created the Wildlife Conservation Fund. The 18 fund shall be used to assist in carrying out the Nongame and Endangered 19 Species Conservation Act, to pay for research into and management of the 20 21 ecological effects of the release, importation, commercial exploitation, 22 and exportation of wildlife species pursuant to section 37-548, and to 23 pay any expenses incurred by the Department of Revenue or any other 24 agency in the administration of the income tax designation program required by section 77-27,119.01. The fund shall consist of money 25 26 credited pursuant to section 35 of this act 60-3,238 and any other money 27 as determined by the Legislature. The fund shall also consist of money transferred from the General Fund by the State Treasurer in an amount to 28 29 be determined by the Tax Commissioner that which shall be equal to the 30 total amount of contributions designated pursuant to section 77-27,119.01. Any money in the Wildlife Conservation Fund available for 31

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investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to
 the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds
 Investment Act.

Sec. 6. Section 60-107, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2024, is amended to read:

6 60-107 Cabin trailer means a trailer or a semitrailer, which is 7 designed, constructed, and equipped as a dwelling place, living abode, or sleeping place, whether used for such purposes or instead permanently or 8 temporarily for the advertising, 9 sale, display, or promotion of merchandise or services or for any other commercial purpose except 10 11 transportation of property for hire or transportation of property for 12 distribution by a private carrier. Cabin trailer does not mean a trailer or semitrailer which is permanently attached to real estate. There are 13 14 four classes of cabin trailers:

(1) Camping trailer which includes cabin trailers one hundred two
inches or less in width and forty feet or less in length and adjusted
mechanically smaller for towing;

18 (2) Mobile home which includes cabin trailers more than one hundred
19 two inches in width or more than forty feet in length;

(3) Travel trailer which includes cabin trailers not more than one
hundred two inches in width nor more than forty feet in length from front
hitch to rear bumper, except as provided in subdivision (2)(k) of section
60-6,288; and

24 (4) Manufactured home means a structure, transportable in one or more sections, which in the traveling mode is eight body feet or more in 25 26 width or forty body feet or more in length or when erected on site is 27 three hundred twenty or more square feet and which is built on a permanent frame and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a 28 29 permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities and 30 includes the plumbing, heating, air conditioning, and electrical systems contained in the structure, except that manufactured home includes any 31

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structure that meets all of the requirements of this subdivision other than the size requirements and with respect to which the manufacturer voluntarily files a certification required by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and complies with the standards established under the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, as such act existed on <u>the date specified</u> <u>in section 9 of this act</u> <del>January 1, 2024</del>, 42 U.S.C. 5401 et seq.

8 Sec. 7. Section 60-119.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
9 2024, is amended to read:

10 60-119.01 (1) Low-speed vehicle means any:

11 (a) Four-wheeled a (1) four-wheeled motor vehicle:

12 (i) With a (a) whose speed attainable in one mile of is more than 13 twenty miles per hour and not more than twenty-five miles per hour on a 14 paved, level surface;  $\tau$ 

15 (ii) With a (b) whose gross vehicle weight rating of is less than 16 three thousand pounds;  $_{\tau}$  and

<u>(iii) That</u> (c) that complies with 49 C.F.R. part 571, as such part
 existed on the date specified in section 9 of this act; January 1, 2024,
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20 (b) Three-wheeled (2) three-wheeled motor vehicle:

21 (i) With a (a) whose maximum speed attainable of is not more than 22 twenty-five miles per hour on a paved, level surface;  $\tau$ 

23 (ii) With a (b) whose gross vehicle weight rating of is less than 24 three thousand pounds;  $\tau$  and

25 (iii) That (c) which is equipped with a windshield and an occupant
 26 protection system.

27 (2) Low-speed vehicle does not include a A motorcycle with a sidecar
 28 attached is not a low-speed vehicle.

29 Sec. 8. Section 60-169, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 30 2024, is amended to read:

31 60-169 (1)(a) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (c) of

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this subsection, each owner of a vehicle and each person mentioned as 1 2 owner in the last certificate of title, when the vehicle is dismantled, 3 destroyed, or changed in such a manner that it loses its character as a vehicle or changed in such a manner that it is not the vehicle described 4 5 in the certificate of title, shall surrender his or her certificate of 6 title to any county treasurer or to the department. If the certificate of 7 title is surrendered to a county treasurer, he or she shall, with the 8 consent of any holders of any liens noted thereon, enter a cancellation 9 upon the records and shall notify the department of such cancellation. Beginning on the implementation date designated by the director pursuant 10 11 to subsection (3) of section 60-1508, a wrecker or salvage dealer shall report electronically to the department using the electronic reporting 12 system. If the certificate is surrendered to the department, it shall, 13 14 with the consent of any holder of any lien noted thereon, enter a 15 cancellation upon its records.

(b) This subdivision applies to all licensed wrecker or salvage 16 17 dealers and, except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, to each vehicle located on the premises of such dealer. For each vehicle required 18 to be reported under 28 C.F.R. 25.56, as such regulation existed on the 19 date specified in section 9 of this act January 1, 2024, the information 20 21 obtained by the department under this section may be reported to the 22 National Motor Vehicle Title Information System in a format that will 23 satisfy the requirement for reporting under 28 C.F.R. 25.56, as such 24 regulation existed on the date specified in section 9 of this act January 1, 2024. Such report shall include: 25

(i) The name, address, and contact information for the reportingentity;

28 (ii) The vehicle identification number;

29 (iii) The date the reporting entity obtained such motor vehicle;

30 (iv) The name of the person from whom such motor vehicle was 31 obtained, for use only by a law enforcement or other appropriate

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1 government agency;

2 (v) A statement of whether the motor vehicle was or will be crushed,
3 disposed of, offered for sale, or used for another purpose; and

4 (vi) Whether the motor vehicle is intended for export outside of the5 United States.

6 The department may set and collect a fee, not to exceed the cost of 7 reporting to the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System, from 8 wrecker or salvage dealers for electronic reporting to the National Motor 9 Vehicle Title Information System, which shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund. This 10 11 subdivision does not apply to any vehicle reported by a wrecker or salvage dealer to the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System as 12 required under 28 C.F.R. 25.56, as such regulation existed on the date 13 14 specified in section 9 of this act January 1, 2024.

15 (c)(i) In the case of a mobile home or manufactured home for which a certificate of title has been issued, if such mobile home or manufactured 16 17 home is affixed to real property in which each owner of the mobile home or manufactured home has any ownership interest, the certificate of title 18 may be surrendered for cancellation to the county treasurer of the county 19 20 where such mobile home or manufactured home is affixed to real property 21 if at the time of surrender the owner submits to the county treasurer an 22 affidavit of affixture on a form provided by the department that contains 23 all of the following, as applicable:

(A) The names and addresses of all of the owners of record of themobile home or manufactured home;

(B) A description of the mobile home or manufactured home that
includes the name of the manufacturer, the year of manufacture, the
model, and the manufacturer's serial number;

(C) The legal description of the real property upon which the mobile
home or manufactured home is affixed and the names of all of the owners
of record of the real property;

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(D) A statement that the mobile home or manufactured home is affixed
 to the real property;

3 (E) The written consent of each holder of a lien duly noted on the 4 certificate of title to the release of such lien and the cancellation of 5 the certificate of title;

6 (F) A copy of the certificate of title surrendered for cancellation;7 and

8 (G) The name and address of an owner, a financial institution, or 9 another entity to which notice of cancellation of the certificate of 10 title may be delivered.

(ii) The person submitting an affidavit of affixture pursuant to subdivision (c)(i) of this subsection shall swear or affirm that all statements in the affidavit are true and material and further acknowledge that any false statement in the affidavit may subject the person to penalties relating to perjury under section 28-915.

(2) If a certificate of title of a mobile home or manufactured home 16 is surrendered to the county treasurer, along with the affidavit required 17 by subdivision (1)(c) of this section, he or she shall enter a 18 cancellation upon his or her records, notify the department of such 19 20 cancellation, forward a duplicate original of the affidavit to the 21 department, and deliver a duplicate original of the executed affidavit 22 under subdivision (1)(c) of this section to the register of deeds for the 23 county in which the real property is located to be filed by the register 24 of deeds. The county treasurer shall be entitled to collect fees from the person submitting the affidavit in accordance with section 33-109 to 25 26 cover the costs of filing such affidavit. Following the cancellation of a 27 certificate of title for a mobile home or manufactured home, the county treasurer or designated county official shall not issue a certificate of 28 29 title for such mobile home or manufactured home, except as provided in 30 subsection (5) of this section.

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(3) If a mobile home or manufactured home is affixed to real estate

before June 1, 2006, a person who is the holder of a lien or security interest in both the mobile home or manufactured home and the real estate to which it is affixed on such date may enforce its liens or security interests by accepting a deed in lieu of foreclosure or in the manner provided by law for enforcing liens on the real estate.

6 (4) A mobile home or manufactured home for which the certificate of 7 title has been canceled and for which an affidavit of affixture has been duly recorded pursuant to subsection (2) of this section shall be treated 8 9 as part of the real estate upon which such mobile home or manufactured home is located. Any lien thereon shall be perfected and enforced in the 10 11 same manner as a lien on real estate. The owner of such mobile home or 12 manufactured home may convey ownership of the mobile home or manufactured home only as a part of the real estate to which it is affixed. 13

14 (5)(a) If each owner of both the mobile home or manufactured home 15 and the real estate described in subdivision (1)(c) of this section intends to detach the mobile home or manufactured home from the real 16 17 estate, the owner shall do both of the following: (i) Before detaching the mobile home or manufactured home, record an affidavit of detachment 18 in the office of the register of deeds in the county in which the 19 20 affidavit is recorded under subdivision (1)(c) of this section; and (ii) 21 apply for a certificate of title for the mobile home or manufactured home 22 pursuant to section 60-147.

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(b) The affidavit of detachment shall contain all of the following:

(i) The names and addresses of all of the owners of record of themobile home or manufactured home;

(ii) A description of the mobile home or manufactured home that
includes the name of the manufacturer, the year of manufacture, the
model, and the manufacturer's serial number;

(iii) The legal description of the real estate from which the mobile
home or manufactured home is to be detached and the names of all of the
owners of record of the real estate;

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(iv) A statement that the mobile home or manufactured home is to be
 detached from the real property;

3 (v) A statement that the certificate of title of the mobile home or
4 manufactured home has previously been canceled;

5 (vi) The name of each holder of a lien of record against the real 6 estate from which the mobile home or manufactured home is to be detached, 7 with the written consent of each holder to the detachment; and

8 (vii) The name and address of an owner, a financial institution, or 9 another entity to which the certificate of title may be delivered.

(6) An owner of an affixed mobile home or manufactured home for 10 11 which the certificate of title has previously been canceled pursuant to 12 subsection (2) of this section shall not detach the mobile home or manufactured home from the real estate before a certificate of title for 13 14 the mobile home or manufactured home is issued by the county treasurer or 15 department. If a certificate of title is issued by the county treasurer or department, the mobile home or manufactured home is no longer 16 17 considered part of the real property. Any lien thereon shall be perfected pursuant to section 60-164. The owner of such mobile home or manufactured 18 home may convey ownership of the mobile home or manufactured home only by 19 20 way of a certificate of title.

21 (7) For purposes of this section:

(a) A mobile home or manufactured home is affixed to real estate if
the wheels, towing hitches, and running gear are removed and it is
permanently attached to a foundation or other support system; and

(b) Ownership interest means the fee simple interest in real estate or an interest as the lessee under a lease of the real property that has a term that continues for at least twenty years after the recording of the affidavit under subsection (2) of this section.

(8) Upon cancellation of a certificate of title in the manner
 prescribed by this section, the county treasurer and the department may
 cancel and destroy all certificates and all memorandum certificates in

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2024, is amended to read:

1 that chain of title. 2 Sec. 9. For purposes of the adoption by reference of federal law 3 and regulations contained in the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act, the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, the Motor Vehicle Operator's License 4 5 Act, and the Nebraska Rules of the Road, when a provision of any of such 6 acts refers to the date specified in this section, such date is January 7 1, 2025. Sec. 10. Section 60-301, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 8 9 2024, is amended to read: 10 60-301 Sections 60-301 to 60-3,236 and sections 13, 33, 34, and 35 of this act 60-3,260 shall be known and may be cited as the Motor Vehicle 11 12 Registration Act. Sec. 11. Section 60-302, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 13 14 2024, is amended to read: 15 60-302 For purposes of the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the definitions found in sections 16 60-302.01 to 60-360 and section 13 of this act shall be used. 17 Sec. 12. Section 60-302.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 18 19 2024, is amended to read: 20 60-302.01 Access aisle means a space adjacent to a handicapped 21 parking space or passenger loading zone which is constructed and designed 22 in compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the federal regulations adopted in response to the act, as the act 23 24 and the regulations existed on the date specified in section 9 of this 25 act January 1, 2024. 26 Sec. 13. Commercial fertilizer trailer means a fertilizer trailer 27 owned by any individual or business entity that, for profit on a commercial basis, sells agricultural fertilizer or agricultural 28 29 <u>chemicals.</u> 30 Sec. 14. Section 60-336.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

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1 60-336.01 (1) Low-speed vehicle means any: a 2 (a) Four-wheeled (1) four-wheeled motor vehicle: 3 (i) With a (a) whose speed attainable in one mile of is more than 4 twenty miles per hour and not more than twenty-five miles per hour on a 5 paved, level surface; -6 (ii) With a (b) whose gross vehicle weight rating of is less than 7 three thousand pounds;  $\tau$  and 8 (iii) That (c) that complies with 49 C.F.R. part 571, as such part 9 existed on the date specified in section 9 of this act; January 1, 2024, 10 or (b) Three-wheeled (2) three-wheeled motor vehicle: 11 12 (i) With a (a) whose maximum speed attainable of is not more than 13 twenty-five miles per hour on a paved, level surface;  $\tau$ 14 (ii) With a (b) whose gross vehicle weight rating of is less than 15 three thousand pounds;  $\tau$  and (iii) That (c) which is equipped with a windshield and an occupant 16 17 protection system. (2) Low-speed vehicle does not include a A motorcycle with a sidecar 18 19 attached is not a low-speed vehicle. 20 Sec. 15. Section 60-386, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 21 2024, is amended to read: 22 60-386 (1) Each new application shall contain, in addition to other 23 information as may be required by the department, the name and 24 residential and mailing address of the applicant and a description of the motor vehicle or trailer, including the color, the manufacturer, the 25 26 identification number, the United States Department of Transportation 27 number if required by 49 C.F.R. 390.5 through 390.21, as such regulations 28 existed on the date specified in section 9 of this act January 1, 2024, 29 and the weight of the motor vehicle or trailer required by the Motor 30 Vehicle Registration Act. For trailers which are not required to have a 31 certificate of title under section 60-137 and which have no

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identification number, the assignment of an identification number shall 1 2 be required and the identification number shall be issued by the county 3 treasurer or department. With the application the applicant shall pay the proper registration fee and shall state whether the motor vehicle is 4 5 propelled by alternative fuel and, if alternative fuel, the type of fuel. 6 The application shall also contain a notification that bulk fuel 7 purchasers may be subject to federal excise tax liability. The department 8 shall include such notification in the notices required by section 9 60-3,186.

(2) In addition to the information required under subsection (1) of 10 11 this section, the application for registration shall contain (a)(i) the 12 full legal name as defined in section 60-468.01 of each owner or (ii) the name of each owner as such name appears on the owner's motor vehicle 13 14 operator's license or state identification card and (b)(i) the motor 15 vehicle operator's license number or state identification card number of each owner, if applicable, and one or more of the identification elements 16 17 as listed in section 60-484 of each owner, if applicable, and (ii) if any owner is a business entity, a nonprofit organization, an estate, a trust, 18 or a church-controlled organization, its tax identification number. 19

20 Sec. 16. Section 60-393, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 21 2024, is amended to read:

22 60-393 Any owner who has two or more motor vehicles or trailers 23 required to be registered under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act may 24 register all such motor vehicles or trailers on a calendar-year basis or on an annual basis for the same registration period beginning in a month 25 26 chosen by the owner. When electing to establish the same registration 27 period for all such motor vehicles or trailers, the owner shall pay the registration fee, the motor vehicle tax imposed in section 60-3,185, the 28 29 motor vehicle fee imposed in section 60-3,190, and the alternative fuel 30 fee imposed in section 60-3,191 on each motor vehicle for the number of months necessary to extend its current registration period to the 31

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registration period under which all such motor vehicles or trailers will 1 2 be registered. Credit shall be given for registration paid on each motor 3 vehicle or trailer when the motor vehicle or trailer has a later expiration date than that chosen by the owner except as otherwise 4 5 provided in sections 60-3,104.01, 60-3,121, 60-3,122.02, 60-3,122.04, and 6 60-3,135.01 and sections 34 and 35 of this act 60-3,128, 60-3,224, 7 60-3,227, 60-3,233, 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, 60-3,258, and 8 9 60-3,260. Thereafter all such motor vehicles or trailers shall be registered on an annual basis starting in the month chosen by the owner. 10

11 Sec. 17. Section 60-395, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 12 2024, is amended to read:

60-395 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this 13 14 section and sections 60-3,104.01, 60-3,121, 60-3,122.02, 60-3,122.04, and 15 60-3,135.01 and sections 34 and 35 of this act 60-3,128, 60-3,224, <u>60-3,227, 60-3,231, 60-3,233, 60-3,235, 60-3,238, 60-3,240, 60-3,242,</u> 16 17 60-3,244, 60-3,246, 60-3,248, 60-3,250, 60-3,252, 60-3,254, 60-3,256, 60-3,258, and 60-3,260, the registration shall expire and the registered 18 owner or lessee may, by returning the registration certificate, the 19 20 license plates, and, when appropriate, the validation decals and by 21 either making application on a form prescribed by the department to the 22 county treasurer of the occurrence of an event described in subdivisions 23 (a) through (e) of this subsection or, in the case of a change in situs, 24 displaying to the county treasurer the registration certificate of such other state as evidence of a change in situs, receive a refund of that 25 26 part of the unused fees and taxes on motor vehicles or trailers based on 27 the number of unexpired months remaining in the registration period from the date of any of the following events: 28

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

30 (b) In case of loss of possession because of fire, natural disaster, 31 theft, dismantlement, or junking;

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(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;

8 (e) Upon a trade-in or surrender of a motor vehicle under a lease;9 or

10 (f) In case of a change in the situs of a motor vehicle or trailer11 to a location outside of this state.

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

15 (3) If the transferor or lessee acquires another motor vehicle at the time of the transfer, trade-in, or surrender, the transferor or 16 lessee shall have the credit provided for in this section applied toward 17 payment of the motor vehicle fees and taxes owed by such transferor or 18 lessee at the time of such transfer, trade-in, or surrender then owing. 19 20 Otherwise, the transferor or lessee shall file a claim for refund with 21 the county treasurer upon an application form prescribed by the 22 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</u> his or her 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,

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the effective date of the act; and (e) in the case of a court decision,
 the date the decision is rendered.

3 (6) Application for registration or for reassignment of license 4 plates and, when appropriate, validation decals to another motor vehicle 5 or trailer shall be made within thirty days of the date of purchase.

6 (7) If a motor vehicle or trailer was reported stolen under section 7 60-178, a refund under this section shall not be reduced for a lost 8 <u>license plate charge and a credit under this section may be reduced for a</u> 9 lost <u>license plate charge but the applicant shall not be required to pay</u> 10 the <u>license plate fee for new license plates</u>.

11 (8) The county treasurer shall refund the motor vehicle fee and 12 registration fee from the fees <u>that</u> which have not been transferred to 13 the State Treasurer. The county treasurer shall make payment to the 14 claimant from the undistributed motor vehicle taxes of the taxing unit 15 where the tax money was originally distributed. No refund of less than 16 two dollars shall be paid.

17 Sec. 18. Section 60-396, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 18 2024, is amended to read:

60-396 Whenever the registered owner files an application with the 19 20 county treasurer showing that a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is 21 disabled and has been removed from service, the registered owner may, by 22 returning the registration certificate, the license plates, and, when 23 appropriate, the validation decals or, in the case of the unavailability 24 of such registration certificate or certificates, license plates, or validation decals, then by making an affidavit to the county treasurer of 25 26 such disablement and removal from service, receive a credit for a portion 27 of the registration fee from the fee deposited with the State Treasurer at the time of registration based upon the number of unexpired months 28 29 remaining in the registration year except as otherwise provided in 30 sections 60-3,104.01, 60-3,121, 60-3,122.02, 60-3,122.04, and 60-3,135.01 and sections 34 and 35 of this act 60-3,128, 60-3,224, 60-3,227, 31

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1 60-3,233, 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, 60-3,258, and 60-3,260. 2 3 The owner shall also receive a credit for the unused portion of the motor vehicle tax and fee based upon the number of unexpired months remaining 4 5 in the registration year. When the owner registers a replacement motor 6 vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer at the time of filing such affidavit, 7 the credit may be immediately applied against the registration fee and the motor vehicle tax and fee for the replacement motor vehicle, trailer, 8 9 or semitrailer. When no such replacement motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is so registered, the county treasurer shall determine the 10 11 amount, if any, of the allowable credit for the registration fee and the 12 motor vehicle tax and fee and issue a credit certificate to the owner. When such motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is removed from service 13 14 within the same month in which it was registered, no credits shall be 15 allowed for such month. The credits may be applied against taxes and fees for new or replacement motor vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers incurred 16 within one year after cancellation of registration of the motor vehicle, 17 trailer, or semitrailer for which the credits were allowed. When any such 18 motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is reregistered within the same 19 registration year in which its registration has been canceled, the taxes 20 21 and fees shall be that portion of the registration fee and the motor 22 vehicle tax and fee for the remainder of the registration year.

Sec. 19. Section 60-3,101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 24 2024, is amended to read:

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

(2) In the years in which plates are not issued, in lieu of issuing such license plates, the department shall furnish to every person whose motor vehicle or trailer is registered one or two validation decals, as the case may be. Such validation decals shall bear the year for which issued and be so constructed as to permit them to be permanently affixed

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1 to the plates. (3) This section shall not apply to license plates issued pursuant 2 3 sections 60-3,203 and 60-3,228 and license plates issued for to 4 commercial fertilizer trailers pursuant to section 60-3,151. 5 Sec. 20. Section 60-3,104, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read: 6 7 60-3,104 The department shall issue the following types of license 8 plates: 9 (1) Alternate license plates issued pursuant to sections 33, 34, and 10 35 of this act; (2) (1) Amateur radio station license plates issued pursuant to 11 section 60-3,126; 12 13 (3) (2) Apportionable vehicle license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,203; 14 15 (4) (3) Autocycle license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,100; 16 17 (5) (4) Boat dealer license plates issued pursuant to section 60-379; 18 19 (5) Breast Cancer Awareness Plates issued pursuant to sections 20 60-3,230 and 60-3,231; (6) Bus license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,144; 21 22 (7) Choose Life License Plates issued pursuant to sections 60-3,232 23 and 60-3,233; (7) (8) Commercial motor vehicle license plates issued pursuant to 24 25 section 60-3,147; 26 (9) Czech Heritage Plates issued pursuant to sections 60-3,259 and 27 <del>60-3,260;</del> 28 (8) (10) Dealer or manufacturer license plates issued pursuant to 29 sections 60-3,114 and 60-3,115; 30 (9) (11) Disabled veteran license plates issued pursuant to section

31 60-3,124;

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1 (12) Donate Life Plates issued pursuant to sections 60-3,245 and 2 60-3,246; 3 (13) Down Syndrome Awareness Plates issued pursuant to sections 4 60-3,247 and 60-3,248; 5 (14) Farm trailer license plates issued pursuant to section 6 <del>60-3,151;</del> 7 (10) (15) Farm truck license plates issued pursuant to section 8 60-3,146; 9 (11) (16) Farm trucks with a gross weight of over sixteen tons 10 license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,146; (17) Fertilizer trailer license plates issued pursuant to section 11 12 <del>60-3,151;</del> 13 (12) (18) Former military vehicle license plates issued pursuant to 14 section 60-3,236; 15 (13) (19) Gold Star Family license plates issued pursuant to sections 60-3,122.01 and 60-3,122.02; 16 17 (14) (20) Handicapped or disabled person license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,113; 18 (15) (21) Historical vehicle license plates issued pursuant to 19 20 sections 60-3,130 to 60-3,134; 21 (22) Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water Plates issued pursuant to 22 section 60-3,258; 23 (16) (23) Local truck license plates issued pursuant to section 24 60-3,145; (17) (24) Metropolitan utilities district license plates issued 25 26 pursuant to section 60-3,228; 27 (18) (25) Military Honor Plates issued pursuant to sections 28 60-3,122.03 and 60-3,122.04; 29 (19) (26) Minitruck license plates issued pursuant to section 30 60-3,100; (20) (27) Motor vehicle license plates for motor vehicles owned or 31

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operated by the state, counties, municipalities, or school districts 1 2 issued pursuant to section 60-3,105; 3 (21) (28) Motor vehicles exempt pursuant to section 60-3,107; 4 (22) (29) Motorcycle license plates issued pursuant to section 5 60-3,100; 6 (30) Mountain Lion Conservation Plates issued pursuant to sections 7 60-3,226 and 60-3,227; 8 (31) Native American Cultural Awareness and History Plates issued 9 pursuant to sections 60-3,234 and 60-3,235; 10 (32) Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates issued pursuant to sections 11 60-3,127 to 60-3,129; 12 (33) Nebraska History Plates issued pursuant to sections 60-3,255 13 and 60-3, 256; 14 (34) Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial Plates issued pursuant to 15 sections 60-3,223 to 60-3,225; 16 (23) (35) Nonresident owner thirty-day license plates issued 17 pursuant to section 60-382; (24) Organizational license plates issued pursuant to sections 18 19 60-3,104.01 and 60-3,104.02; 20 (25) (36) Passenger car having a seating capacity of ten persons or 21 less and not used for hire issued pursuant to section 60-3,143 other than 22 autocycles; 23 (26) (37) Passenger car having a seating capacity of ten persons or 24 less and used for hire issued pursuant to section 60-3,143 other than 25 autocycles; 26 (27) (38) Pearl Harbor license plates issued pursuant to section 27 60-3,122; 28 (28) (39) Personal-use dealer license plates issued pursuant to 29 section 60-3,116; 30 (29) (40) Personalized message license plates for motor vehicles,

31 trailers, and semitrailers, except motor vehicles, trailers, and

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semitrailers registered under section 60-3,198, issued pursuant to 1 2 sections 60-3,118 to 60-3,121; 3 (41) Pets for Vets Plates issued pursuant to sections 60-3,249 and 4 <del>60-3,250;</del> 5 (30) (42) Prisoner-of-war license plates issued pursuant to section 6 60-3,123; 7 (43) Prostate Cancer Awareness Plates issued pursuant to section 8 <del>60-3,240;</del> 9 (31) (44) Public power district license plates issued pursuant to 10 section 60-3,228; (32) (45) Purple Heart license plates issued pursuant to section 11 12 60 - 3, 125;13 (33) (46) Recreational vehicle license plates issued pursuant to 14 section 60-3,151; 15 (34) (47) Repossession license plates issued pursuant to section 60-375; 16 17 (48) Sammy's Superheroes license plates for childhood cancer awareness issued pursuant to section 60-3,242; 18 (35) (49) Special interest motor vehicle license plates issued 19 20 pursuant to section 60-3,135.01; 21 (50) Specialty license plates issued pursuant to sections 22 60-3,104.01 and 60-3,104.02; 23 (51) Support the Arts Plates issued pursuant to sections 60-3,251 24 and 60-3, 252; 25 (52) Support Our Troops Plates issued pursuant to sections 60-3,243 26 and 60-3,244; 27 (53) The Good Life Is Outside Plates issued pursuant to sections 28 60-3,253 and 60-3,254; 29 (36) (54) Trailer license plates issued for trailers owned or 30 operated by the state, counties, municipalities, or school districts

31 issued pursuant to section 60-3,106;

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(37) (55) Trailer license plates issued for trailers owned or
 operated by a metropolitan utilities district or public power district
 pursuant to section 60-3,228;

4 <u>(38)</u> <del>(56)</del> Trailer license plates issued pursuant to section 5 60-3,100;

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(39) Trailer license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,151;

7 (40) (57) Trailers exempt pursuant to section 60-3,108;

8 (41) (58) Transporter license plates issued pursuant to section
9 60-378;

10 <u>(42)</u> <del>(59)</del> Trucks or combinations of trucks, truck-tractors, or 11 trailers <u>that</u> <del>which</del> are not for hire and engaged in soil and water 12 conservation work and used for the purpose of transporting pipe and 13 equipment exclusively used by such contractors for soil and water 14 conservation construction license plates issued pursuant to section 15 60-3,149; <u>and</u>

16 (60) Utility trailer license plates issued pursuant to section
17 60-3,151;

(43) (61) Well-boring apparatus and well-servicing equipment license
 plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,109. ; and

20 (62) Wildlife Conservation Plates issued pursuant to section
21 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) (1) A person may apply for <u>organizational</u> specialty license plates in lieu of regular license plates 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.

29 <u>(b)</u> An applicant receiving <u>an organizational</u> <del>a specialty</del> license 30 plate for a farm truck with a gross weight of over sixteen tons or for a 31 commercial motor vehicle registered for a gross weight of five tons or

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1 over shall affix the appropriate tonnage decal to the <u>license</u> plate.

2 (c) The department shall make forms available for such applications.
3 Each application for initial issuance or renewal of <u>organizational</u>
4 specialty license plates shall be accompanied by a fee of:

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<u>(i) Before October 1, 2025,</u> seventy dollars<u>; and</u> –

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<u>(ii) Beginning October 1, 2025, forty dollars.</u>

7 <u>(d)</u> Fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be remitted to 8 the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit sixty percent of 9 the fee for initial issuance and renewal of <u>organizational</u> <del>specialty</del> 10 license plates to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and forty 11 percent of the fee to the Highway Trust Fund.

12 (2)(a) When the department receives application for an organizational specialty license plates, the department may deliver the 13 14 <u>license</u> plates and registration certificate to the applicant by United 15 States mail or to the county treasurer of the county where in which the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is registered and the delivery of 16 17 the <u>license</u> plates and registration certificate shall be made through a secure process and system. If Beginning on an implementation date 18 designated by the director on or before January 1, 2022, if delivery of 19 20 the <u>license</u> plates and registration certificate is made by the department 21 to the applicant, the department may charge a postage and handling fee in 22 an amount not more than necessary to recover the cost of postage and 23 handling for the specific items mailed to the registrant. The department 24 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 25 26 issue <u>organizational</u> specialty license plates in lieu of <u>a</u>regular 27 license <u>plate</u> plates when the applicant complies with the other provisions of law for registration of the motor vehicle, trailer, or 28 29 semitrailer. If organizational specialty license plates are lost, stolen, 30 or mutilated, the licensee shall be issued replacement license plates 31 pursuant to section 60-3,157.

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(b) The county treasurer or the department may issue temporary 1 2 license stickers to the applicant under this section for the applicant to 3 lawfully operate the vehicle pending receipt of the license plates. No charge in addition to the registration fee shall be made for the issuance 4 5 of a temporary license sticker under this subdivision. The department 6 shall furnish temporary license stickers for issuance by the county 7 treasurer at no cost to the counties. The department may adopt and 8 promulgate rules and regulations regarding the design and issuance of 9 temporary license stickers.

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

(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 <u>that</u> which will bear the <u>organizational</u> specialty license plates 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.

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

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

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(2) The department shall make applications available pursuant to 1 section 60-3,104.01 for each type of <u>organizational</u> specialty license 2 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 plates designed for that organization. 7 The department may revoke the approval for an organizational 8 organization's specialty license plate if the total number of registered 9 vehicles that obtained such <u>license</u> 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

(f) A completed application for the issuance of the <u>license</u> plates
on a form provided by the department certifying that the organization
meets the following requirements:

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

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(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 <u>license plates;</u>

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 <u>that</u> 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 <u>license plate</u> under this section shall be
alphanumeric <u>license plates</u>. The department shall assign a designation up
to five characters and not use a county designation.

(b) One type of <u>license</u> plate under this section shall be personalized message <u>license</u> plates. Such <u>license</u> 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> <del>specialty</del> 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.

Sec. 23. Section 60-3,113, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

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

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1 used for hire to:

2 (a) Any permanently handicapped or disabled person or his or her
3 parent, legal guardian, foster parent, or agent upon application and
4 proof of a permanent handicap or disability; or

5 (b) A trust <u>that</u> which owns the motor vehicle, autocycle, or 6 motorcycle if a designated beneficiary of the trust qualifies under 7 subdivision (a) of this subsection.

8 <u>(2)</u> An application and proof of disability in the form and with the 9 information required by section 60-3,113.02 shall be submitted before 10 <u>such</u>license plates are issued or reissued.

11 <u>(3)</u> (2) The license plate or plates shall carry the internationally 12 accepted wheelchair symbol, which symbol is a representation of a person 13 seated in a wheelchair surrounded by a border six units wide by seven 14 units high, and such other letters or numbers as the director prescribes. 15 Such license plate or plates shall be used by such person in lieu of <u>any</u> 16 <u>other the usual</u> license plate or plates.

17 <u>(4)</u> <del>(3)</del> The department shall compile and maintain a registry of the 18 names, addresses, and license numbers of all persons who obtain <u>license</u> 19 <u>plates with the internationally accepted wheelchair symbol pursuant to</u> 20 <u>this section and sections 60-3,122.03, 60-3,122.04, 60-3,124, and</u> 21 <u>60-3,125</u> <del>special license plates pursuant to this section</del> and all persons 22 who obtain a handicapped or disabled parking permit.

Sec. 24. Section 60-3,113.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative
Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

60-3,113.04 (1) A handicapped or disabled parking permit shall be of a design, size, configuration, color, and construction and contain such information as specified in the regulations adopted by the United States Department of Transportation in 23 C.F.R. part 1235, UNIFORM SYSTEM FOR PARKING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, as such regulations existed on <u>the</u> <u>date specified in section 9 of this act</u> <u>January 1, 2024</u>.

31 (2) No handicapped or disabled parking permit shall be issued to any

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person or for any motor vehicle if any permit has been issued to such person or for such motor vehicle and such permit has been suspended pursuant to section 18-1741.02. At the expiration of such suspension, a permit may be renewed in the manner provided for renewal in sections 60-3,113.02, 60-3,113.03, and 60-3,113.05.

6 (3) A duplicate handicapped or disabled parking permit may be 7 provided up to two times during any single permit period if a permit is 8 destroyed, lost, or stolen. Such duplicate permit shall be issued as 9 provided in section 60-3,113.02 or 60-3,113.03, whichever is applicable, except that a new certification by a physician, a physician assistant, or 10 11 an advanced practice registered nurse need not be provided. A duplicate 12 permit shall be valid for the remainder of the period for which the original permit was issued. If a person has been issued two duplicate 13 14 permits under this subsection and needs another permit, such person shall 15 reapply for a new permit under section 60-3,113.02 or 60-3,113.03, whichever is applicable. 16

17 Sec. 25. Section 60-3,122.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative 18 Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

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

(2)(a) (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
 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, <u>United States Space Force, Air National Guard</u>,
 or Army National Guard.

(b) The department may begin issuing the license plates with the
 design honoring persons who have served or are serving in the United
 States Space Force on January 1, 2026.

31 (3) There shall be <u>thirteen</u> <del>twelve</del> such designs, one for each of

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such armed forces reflecting its official emblem, official seal, or other official image. The issuance of plates for each of such armed forces shall be conditioned on the approval of the armed forces owning the copyright to the official emblem, official seal, or other official image. <u>(4)(a)</u> (4) The department shall create <u>six five</u> additional designs honoring persons who are serving or have served in the armed forces of

7 the United States and who have been awarded the Afghanistan Campaign
8 Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal,
9 Southwest Asia Service Medal, or Uietnam Service Medal, or Inherent
10 Resolve Campaign Medal.

(b) A person may apply for license plates with the Inherent Resolve
 Campaign Medal beginning on January 1, 2026.

(5) The department shall create the following additional designs
 honoring persons who are serving or have served in the armed forces of
 the United States and may begin issuing such license plates on January 1,
 2026:

17 (a) One design that includes the word "veteran"; and

(b) One design that includes the word "veteran" and the
 internationally accepted wheelchair symbol specified in section 60-3,113.

(6)(a) (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.

(b) To be eligible for the license plates described in subdivision
 (5)(b) of this section, in addition to any other eligibility requirements
 for such license plates under this section:

(i) An application and proof of disability in the form and with the
 information required by section 60-3,113.02 shall be submitted before
 issuance or reissuance of such license plates; and

31 (ii) The handicap or disability of the handicapped or disabled

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1 person shall be certified as permanent.

2 <u>(7)</u> <del>(6)</del> The design shall be selected on the basis of limiting the 3 manufacturing cost of each plate to an amount less than or equal to the 4 amount charged for license plates pursuant to section 60-3,102. The 5 Department of Motor Vehicles shall make applications available for each 6 type of plate when it is designed. The department may adopt and 7 promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this section and section 8 60-3,122.04.

9 <u>(8)</u> <del>(7)</del> One type of Military Honor Plates shall be alphanumeric 10 plates. The department shall:

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

12 (b) Not use a county designation.

13 (9) (8) One type of Military Honor Plates shall be personalized 14 message plates. Such plates shall be issued subject to the same 15 conditions specified for personalized message license plates in section 16 60-3,118, except that a maximum of five characters may be used.

17 (10) (9) The department shall cease to issue Military Honor Plates 18 beginning with the next license plate issuance cycle after the license 19 plate issuance cycle that begins in 2023 pursuant to section 60-3,101 if 20 the total number of registered vehicles that obtained such plates is less 21 than <u>one five</u> hundred per year within any prior consecutive two-year 22 period.

Sec. 26. Section 60-3,122.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
 is amended to read:

60-3,122.04 (1)(a) (1) An eligible person may apply to the department for Military Honor Plates in lieu of regular license plates on an application prescribed and provided by the department for any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, except for a motor vehicle or trailer registered under section 60-3,198. An applicant receiving a Military Honor Plate for a farm truck with a gross weight of over sixteen tons shall affix the appropriate tonnage decal to the plate.

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(b) The department shall make forms available for such applications
 through the county treasurers.

3 (c) The license plates shall be issued upon payment of the license 4 fee described in subsection (2) of this section and verification by the 5 department of an applicant's eligibility using the registry established 6 by the Department of Veterans' Affairs pursuant to section 80-414. To be 7 eligible an applicant shall be:

8 <u>(i) Active</u> (a) active duty or reserve duty armed forces personnel 9 serving in any of the armed forces listed in subsection (2) of section 10 60-3,122.03 or <del>, (b)</del> a veteran of any of such armed forces who was 11 discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or 12 general (under honorable conditions);

(ii) A  $\frac{1}{1}$  (c) a current or former commissioned officer of the United 13 14 States Public Health Service or National Oceanic and Atmospheric 15 Administration who has been detailed directly to any branch of such armed forces for service on active or reserve duty and who was discharged or 16 otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or general 17 (under honorable conditions) as proven with valid orders from the United 18 States Department of Defense, a statement of service provided by the 19 20 United States Public Health Service, or a report of transfer or discharge 21 provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;

22 (iii) A  $\frac{1}{1000}$  or (d) a person who is serving or has served in the armed 23 forces of the United States and who has been awarded the Afghanistan 24 Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War Terrorism Campaign on Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, or Vietnam Service 25 26 Medal, or Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal; -

27 (iv) For the license plate described in subdivision (5)(a) of
 28 section 60-3,122.03, a person who is serving or has served in the armed
 29 forces of the United States;

30 (v) For the license plate described in subdivision (5)(b) of section
 31 60-3,122.03, a person who is serving or has served in the armed forces of

1 the United States and is permanently handicapped or disabled; or

2 (vi) Beginning January 1, 2026, a trust that owns the motor vehicle,
3 trailer, or semitrailer if a designated beneficiary of the trust
4 qualifies under this subdivision (1)(c).

5 (d) Any person using Military Honor Plates shall surrender the 6 plates to the county treasurer if such person is no longer eligible for 7 the plates. Regular plates shall be issued to any such person upon 8 surrender of the Military Honor Plates for a three-dollar transfer fee 9 and forfeiture of any of the remaining annual fee. The three-dollar 10 transfer fee shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the 11 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 alphanumeric Military Honor 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.

(b) In addition to all other fees required for registration under 19 20 the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, each application for initial issuance 21 or renewal of personalized message Military Honor Plates shall be 22 accompanied by a fee of forty dollars. County treasurers collecting fees 23 pursuant to this subdivision shall remit them to the State Treasurer. The 24 State Treasurer shall credit twenty-five percent of the fee for initial issuance and renewal of such plates to the Department of Motor Vehicles 25 26 Cash Fund and seventy-five percent of the fee to the Nebraska Veteran 27 Cemetery System Operation Fund.

(3)(a) When the department receives an application for Military
Honor Plates, the department may deliver the plates and registration
certificate to the applicant by United States mail or to the county
treasurer of the county in which the motor vehicle or trailer is

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

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

(4) The owner of a motor vehicle or trailer bearing Military Honor Plates may apply to the county treasurer to have such plates transferred to a motor vehicle or trailer other than the motor vehicle or trailer for which such plates were originally purchased if such motor vehicle or trailer is owned by the owner of the plates. The owner may have the unused portion of the fee for the plates credited to the other motor vehicle or trailer which will bear the plates at the rate of eight and

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one-third percent per month for each full month left in the registration period. 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.

6 (5) If the cost of manufacturing Military Honor Plates at any time 7 exceeds the amount charged for license plates pursuant to section 8 60-3,102, any money to be credited to the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery 9 System Operation Fund shall instead be credited first to the Highway Trust Fund in an amount equal to the difference between the manufacturing 10 11 costs of Military Honor Plates and the amount charged pursuant to section 12 60-3,102 with respect to such plates and the remainder shall be credited to the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund. 13

(6) If the director discovers evidence of fraud in an application for Military Honor Plates or that the holder is no longer eligible to have Military Honor Plates, the director may summarily cancel the plates and registration and send notice of the cancellation to the holder of the license plates.

19 Sec. 27. Section 60-3,123, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,20 2024, 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 license plates designed to indicate that he or she is a former prisoner of war.

(2) In order to be eligible for license plates under this section, a
person shall register with the Department of Veterans' Affairs pursuant
to section 80-414. The license plates shall be issued upon the applicant
paying the license plate fee as provided in subsection (3) of this

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section and verification by the Department of Motor Vehicles of an applicant's eligibility using the registry established by the Department of Veterans' Affairs pursuant to section 80-414. Any number of motor vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers owned by the applicant may be so licensed at any one time. Motor vehicles and trailers registered under section 60-3,198 shall not be so licensed.

7 (3) No license plate fee shall be required for license plates under8 this section.

9 (4) If the license plates issued under this section are lost, 10 stolen, or mutilated, the recipient of the license plates shall be issued 11 replacement license plates upon request and without charge.

12 (5) License plates issued under this section shall not require the 13 payment of any additional license plate fees and shall be permanently 14 attached to the vehicle to which the plates are registered as long as the 15 vehicle is properly registered by the applicant annually.

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

25 Sec. 28. Section 60-3,124, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 26 2024, is amended to read:

27 60-3,124 <u>(1)(a)(i) Before January 1, 2026, any</u> <del>(1)</del> Any person who is 28 a veteran of the United States Armed Forces, who was discharged or 29 otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or general 30 (under honorable conditions), and who is classified by the United States 31 Department of Veterans Affairs as <u>at least ten</u> one hundred percent

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service-connected disabled may, in addition to the application required in section 60-385, apply to the Department of Motor Vehicles for license plates designed by the department to indicate that the applicant is a disabled veteran. The inscription on the license plates shall be D.A.V. immediately below the license plate number to indicate that the holder of the license plates is a disabled veteran.

7 (ii) Beginning on January 1, 2026, when renewing the registration 8 for a license plate described in subdivision (1)(a)(i) of this section, 9 the department shall issue the license plates described in subdivision 10 (1)(b)(i) of this section along with any required validation decals. The 11 license plates described in subdivision (1)(a)(i) of this section shall 12 not be valid for use on any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer 13 beginning on February 1, 2027.

14 (b) Beginning on January 1, 2026, any person who is a veteran of the 15 United States Armed Forces, who was discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or general (under honorable 16 conditions), and who is classified by the United States Department of 17 Veterans Affairs as at least ten percent service-connected disabled may, 18 19 in addition to the application required in section 60-385, apply to the 20 Department of Motor Vehicles for disabled veteran license plates designed 21 by the department:

(i) With the words "disabled veteran" immediately below the license
 plate number; or

(ii) With the words "disabled veteran" immediately below the license
 plate number and also carrying the internationally accepted wheelchair
 symbol specified in section 60-3,113.

- (c) Beginning January 1, 2026, a trust that owns a motor vehicle,
   trailer, or semitrailer may apply for the license plates described in
   subdivision (1)(b)(i) or (ii) of this section if a designated beneficiary
   of the trust qualifies for such license plates.
- 31 (2)(a) To (2) In order to be eligible for license plates under this

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section, a person shall register with the Department of Veterans' Affairs pursuant to section 80-414. The plates shall be issued upon the applicant paying the license plate fee as provided in subsection (3) of this section and verification by the Department of Motor Vehicles shall verify of an applicant's eligibility using the registry established by the Department of Veterans' Affairs pursuant to section 80-414 prior to issuing any license plates under this section.

8 (b) To be eligible for the license plates described in subdivision
 9 (1)(b)(ii) of this section, in addition to any other eligibility
 10 requirements for such license plates under this section:

(i) An application and proof of disability in the form and with the information required by section 60-3,113.02 shall be submitted before issuance or reissuance of such license plates; and

14 (ii) The handicap or disability of the handicapped or disabled
 15 person shall be certified as permanent.

(c) Any number of motor vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers owned by
 the applicant may be so licensed <u>under this section</u> at any one time.
 Motor vehicles and trailers registered under section 60-3,198 shall not
 be so licensed.

20 (3)(a) Beginning January 1, 2026, one type of disabled veteran
 21 license plates shall be alphanumeric plates. No license plate fee shall
 22 be required for such license plates. The department shall:

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

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

(b)(i) Beginning January 1, 2026, one type of disabled veteran license plates shall be personalized message license plates. Such license 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 (ii) Each application for initial issuance of personalized message
 31 disabled veteran license plates shall be accompanied by a fee of forty

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dollars. An application for renewal of such license plates shall be accompanied by a fee of forty dollars. Fees collected under this subdivision (3)(b)(ii) shall be remitted to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit twenty-five percent of such fee to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and seventy-five percent of such fee to the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund.

7 (iii) No license plate fee under section 60-3,102 shall be required
8 for personalized message disabled veteran license plates issued under
9 this section, other than the fee provided for in subdivision (3)(b)(ii)
10 of this section.

11 (3) No license plate fee shall be required for license plates under 12 this section.

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

16 (5) License plates issued under this section shall not require the 17 payment of any additional license plate fees and shall be permanently 18 attached to the vehicle to which the plates are registered as long as the 19 vehicle is properly registered by the applicant annually.

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

29 Sec. 29. Section 60-3,125, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 30 2024, is amended to read:

31 60-3,125 <u>(1)(a)(i)</u> <del>(1)</del> Any person may, in addition to the

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application required by section 60-385, apply to the department for license plates designed by the department to indicate that the applicant has received from the federal government an award of a Purple Heart. The inscription of the plates shall be designed so as to include a facsimile of the award and beneath any numerical designation upon the plates pursuant to section 60-370 the words Purple Heart separately on one line and the words Combat Wounded on the line below.

8 (ii)(A) Beginning January 1, 2026, one type of Purple Heart license
 9 plates shall be alphanumeric plates. No license plate fee shall be
 10 required for such license plates. The department shall:

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

12 <u>(II) Not use a county designation.</u>

(B)(I) One type of Purple Heart license plates shall be personalized
 message license plates. Such license 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.

17 (II) Each application for initial issuance of personalized message Purple Heart license plates shall be accompanied by a fee of forty 18 19 dollars. An application for renewal of such license plates shall be 20 accompanied by a fee of forty dollars. Fees collected under this 21 subdivision (1)(a)(ii)(B)(II) shall be remitted to the State Treasurer. 22 The State Treasurer shall credit twenty-five percent of such fee to the 23 Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and seventy-five percent of such 24 fee to the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund.

(III) No license plate fee under section 60-3,102 shall be required
 for personalized message Purple Heart license plates issued under this
 section, other than the fee provided for in subdivision (1)(a)(ii)(B)(II)
 of this section.

(b)(i) Beginning January 1, 2026, any person may, in addition to the
 application required by section 60-385, apply to the department for
 license plates designed by the department to indicate that the applicant

1 has received from the federal government an award of a Purple Heart. The 2 inscription of the plates shall be designed so as to include a facsimile 3 of the award and beneath any numerical designation upon the plates pursuant to section 60-370 the words Purple Heart separately on one line 4 5 and the words Combat Wounded on the line below. Such license plates shall 6 also carry the internationally accepted wheelchair symbol specified in 7 section 60-3,113. 8 (ii)(A) One type of Purple Heart license plates that carry the 9 internationally accepted wheelchair symbol shall be alphanumeric plates. 10 No license plate fee shall be required for such license plates. The 11 department shall: 12 (I) Assign a designation up to three characters; and 13 (II) Not use a county designation. 14 (B)(I) Beginning January 1, 2026, one type of Purple Heart license 15 plates that carry the internationally accepted wheelchair symbol shall be personalized message license plates. Such license plates shall be issued 16 17 subject to the same conditions specified for personalized message license plates in section 60-3,118, except that a maximum of three characters may 18 19 be used. 20 (II) Each application for initial issuance of personalized message 21 Purple Heart license plates that carry the internationally accepted 22 wheelchair symbol shall be accompanied by a fee of forty dollars. An application for renewal of such license plates shall be accompanied by a 23 24 fee of forty dollars. Fees collected under this subdivision (1)(b)(ii)(B) 25 (II) shall be remitted to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall 26 credit twenty-five percent of such fee to the Department of Motor 27 Vehicles Cash Fund and seventy-five percent of such fee to the Nebraska 28 Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund. 29 (III) No license plate fee under section 60-3,102 shall be required 30 for personalized message Purple Heart license plates issued under this

31 <u>section, other than the fee provided for in subdivision (1)(b)(ii)(B)(II)</u>

1 of this section.

2 (c) Beginning January 1, 2026, a trust that owns a motor vehicle,
3 trailer, or semitrailer may apply for the license plates described in
4 subdivision (1)(a) or (b) of this section if a designated beneficiary of
5 the trust qualifies for such license plates.

6 (2)(a) To (2) In order to be eligible for license plates under this 7 section, a person shall register with the Department of Veterans' Affairs pursuant to section 80-414. The license plates shall be issued upon 8 9 payment of the license plate fee as provided in subsection (3) of this section and verification by the Department of Motor Vehicles shall verify 10 11 of an applicant's eligibility using the registry established by the 12 Department of Veterans' Affairs pursuant to section 80-414 prior to issuing any license plates under this section. 13

(b) To be eligible for the license plates described in subdivision
 (1)(b) of this section, in addition to any other eligibility requirements
 for such license plates under this section:

(i) An application and proof of disability in the form and with the
 information required by section 60-3,113.02 shall be submitted before
 issuance or reissuance of such license plates; and

20 (ii) The handicap or disability of the handicapped or disabled
 21 person shall be certified as permanent.

(c) Any number of motor vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers owned by
 the applicant may be so licensed <u>under this section</u> at any one time.
 Motor vehicles and trailers registered under section 60-3,198 shall not
 be so licensed.

26 (3) No license plate fee shall be required for license plates under
 27 this section.

(3) (4) If license plates issued pursuant to this section are lost,
 stolen, or mutilated, the recipient of the plates shall be issued
 replacement license plates upon request and without charge.

31 (4) (5) License plates issued under this section shall not require

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the payment of any additional license plate fees and shall be permanently attached to the vehicle to which the plates are registered as long as the vehicle is properly registered by the applicant annually.

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

13 Sec. 30. Section 60-3,130.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative 14 Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

15 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 16 designed by this state in the year corresponding to the model year when 17 the vehicle was manufactured in lieu of the <u>license</u> plates designed 18 section 60-3,130.03 subject to the approval of 19 pursuant to the 20 department. The department shall inspect the <u>license</u> plate or plates and 21 may approve the <u>license</u> plate or plates if it is determined that the 22 model-year license plate or plates are legible and serviceable and that 23 the license plate numbers do not conflict with or duplicate other numbers 24 assigned and in use. An original-issued license plate or plates that have been restored to original condition may be used when approved by the 25 26 department.

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

30 (3) If only one license plate is used on the vehicle, the license31 plate shall be placed on the rear of the vehicle. The owner of a

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historical vehicle may use only one plate on the vehicle even for years
 in which two license plates were issued for vehicles in general.

3 (4) License plates used pursuant to this section corresponding to the year of manufacture of the vehicle shall not be personalized message 4 5 license plates, Pearl Harbor license plates, prisoner-of-war license 6 plates, disabled veteran license plates, Purple Heart license plates, 7 amateur radio station license plates, Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates, 8 Nebraska History Plates, handicapped or disabled person license plates, 9 organizational specialty license plates, special interest motor vehicle license plates, Military Honor Plates, or alternate license plates 10 11 Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial Plates, Breast Cancer Awareness Plates, 12 Prostate Cancer Awareness Plates, Mountain Lion Conservation Plates, 13 Choose Life License Plates, Czech Heritage Plates, Donate Life Plates, 14 Down Syndrome Awareness Plates, Native American Cultural Awareness and 15 History Plates, Sammy's Superheroes license plates for childhood cancer 16 awareness, Wildlife Conservation Plates, Pets for Vets Plates, Support 17 the Arts Plates, Support Our Troops Plates, The Good Life Is Outside Plates, or Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water Plates. 18

19 Sec. 31. Section 60-3,151, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 20 amended to read:

21 60-3,151 (1) The department shall issue the following types of 22 trailer license plates:

(a) License plates for commercial trailers or semitrailers. (1) For
 the registration of any commercial trailer or semitrailer, the fee shall
 be one dollar; -

(b) License plates for utility trailers. (2) The fee for utility trailers shall be one dollar for each one thousand pounds gross vehicle weight or fraction thereof, up to and including nine thousand pounds. Utility trailer license plates shall display, in addition to the registration number, the letter X. Trailers other than farm trailers of more than nine thousand pounds must be registered as commercial

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1 trailers; -

2 (c) License plates for cabin trailers. (3) The fee for cabin
3 trailers having <u>a gross vehicle weight of:</u>

4 (i) One one thousand pounds or less shall be nine dollars;

5 (ii) More and more than one thousand pounds  $\tau$  but less than two 6 thousand pounds  $\tau$  shall be twelve dollars; and

7 <u>(iii) Two</u>. Cabin trailers having a gross vehicle weight of two
8 thousand pounds or more shall be registered for a fee of fifteen
9 dollars; -

10 (4) Recreational vehicles having a gross vehicle weight of eight 11 thousand pounds or less shall be registered for a fee of eighteen 12 dollars, those having a gross vehicle weight of more than eight thousand 13 pounds but less than twelve thousand pounds shall be registered for 14 thirty dollars, and those having a gross vehicle weight of twelve 15 thousand pounds or over shall be registered for forty-two dollars. When 16 living quarters are added to a registered truck, a recreational vehicle 17 registration may be obtained without surrender of the truck registration, in which event both the truck and recreational vehicle license plates 18 19 shall be displayed on the vehicle. Recreational vehicle license plates 20 shall be the same size and of the same basic design as regular license 21 plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,100.

(d) License plates for farm trailers. (5) Farm trailers shall be 22 23 licensed for a fee of one dollar, except that when a farm trailer is used 24 with a registered farm truck, such farm trailer may, at the option of the owner, be registered as a separate unit for a fee of three dollars per 25 26 ton gross vehicle weight and, if so registered, shall not be considered a 27 truck and trailer combination for purposes of sections 60-3,145 and 28 60-3,146. Farm trailer license plates shall display, in addition to the 29 registration number, the letter  $X_{i}$  -

30 (e) License plates for fertilizer trailers other than commercial
 31 fertilizer trailers. (6) Fertilizer trailers shall be registered for a

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1 fee of one dollar. Fertilizer trailer license plates shall display, in 2 addition to the registration number, the letter  $X_{i}$  -

3 (f) License plates for trailers used to haul poles and cable reels.
4 (7) Trailers used to haul poles and cable reels owned and operated
5 exclusively by public utility companies shall be licensed at a fee based
6 on two dollars for each one-thousand-pound load to be hauled or any
7 fraction thereof, and such load shall not exceed sixteen thousand pounds;
8 and -

9 (g) License plates for commercial fertilizer trailers. Commercial fertilizer trailers shall be registered for a fee of one dollar. 10 Commercial fertilizer trailer license plates shall display, in addition 11 to the registration number, the letter X. Any license plate issued 12 13 pursuant to this subdivision (g) shall remain affixed to the rear of the 14 trailer as long as the commercial fertilizer trailer is registered 15 pursuant to this section by the owner or lessor making the original application pursuant to section 60-385. This subdivision (g) applies 16 17 beginning January 1, 2026.

(2) Recreational vehicles having a gross vehicle weight of eight 18 19 thousand pounds or less shall be registered for a fee of eighteen 20 dollars, those having a gross vehicle weight of more than eight thousand 21 pounds but less than twelve thousand pounds shall be registered for 22 thirty dollars, and those having a gross vehicle weight of twelve 23 thousand pounds or over shall be registered for forty-two dollars. When 24 living quarters are added to a registered truck, a recreational vehicle 25 registration may be obtained without surrender of the truck registration, 26 in which event both the truck and recreational vehicle license plates 27 shall be displayed on the vehicle. Recreational vehicle license plates 28 shall be the same size and of the same basic design as regular license 29 plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,100.

30 Sec. 32. Section 60-3,193.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative 31 Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

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60-3,193.01 For purposes of the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, the
 International Registration Plan is adopted and incorporated by reference
 as the plan existed on January 1, <u>2025</u> <del>202</del>4.

Sec. 33. Section 60-3,253, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2024, is amended to read:

6 60-3,253 (1) Unless otherwise specified in section 35 of this act,
7 the provisions of this section apply to alternate license plates.

(2) (1) The department shall design license plates to be known as 8 9 alternate license plates The Good Life Is Outside Plates. The design specifications of each type of alternate license plate are indicated in 10 11 section 35 of this act shall reflect the importance of safe walking and 12 biking in Nebraska and the value of our recreational trails. The design for each type of alternate license plate shall be selected on the basis 13 14 of limiting the manufacturing cost of each <u>license</u> plate to an amount 15 less than or equal to the amount charged for license plates pursuant to section 60-3,102. 16

17 <u>(3)</u> The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to 18 carry out this section and <u>sections 34 and 35 of this act</u> <del>section</del> 19 <del>60-3,254</del>.

20 (4)(a) Each (2) One type of <u>alternate license plate</u> The Good Life Is
 21 Outside Plates shall be <u>issued as either an alphanumeric alternate</u>
 22 license plate or a personalized message alternate license plate plates.

<u>(b) For an alphanumeric alternate license plate, the</u> department
 shall:

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

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

(c) Personalized message alternate license plates (3) One type of
 The Good Life Is Outside Plates 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.

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(5) (4) The department shall cease to issue a type of alternate 1 2 license plate listed in section 35 of this act The Good Life Is Outside 3 Plates beginning with the next license plate issuance cycle after the 4 license plate issuance cycle that begins in 2023 pursuant to section 5 60-3,101 after the first year that such type of alternate license plate 6 was issued by the department if the total number of registered vehicles 7 that obtained such type of alternate license plate plates is less than five hundred per year within any prior consecutive two-year period. 8

9 Sec. 34. Section 60-3,254, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
10 amended to read:

11 60-3,254 (1) Unless otherwise specified in section 35 of this act,
 12 the provisions of this section apply to alternate license plates.

(2) (1) A person may apply to the department for alternate license 13 14 plates The Good Life Is Outside Plates in lieu of regular license plates 15 on an application prescribed and provided by the department for any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, except for a motor vehicle, trailer, or 16 17 semitrailer registered under section 60-3,198. An applicant receiving alternate license plates a The Good Life Is Outside Plate for a farm 18 truck with a gross weight of over sixteen tons or for a commercial motor 19 20 vehicle registered for a gross weight of five tons or over shall affix 21 the appropriate tonnage decal to the <u>license</u> plate. The department shall 22 make forms available for such applications through the county treasurers. 23 The <u>alternate</u> license plates shall be issued upon payment of the 24 <u>alternate</u> license <u>plate</u> fee described in subsection (3) (2) of this 25 section.

26 <u>(3)(a)</u> <del>(2)(a)</del> In addition to all other fees required for 27 registration under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, each application 28 for initial issuance or renewal of alphanumeric <u>alternate license plates</u> 29 The Good Life Is Outside Plates shall be accompanied by a fee of five 30 dollars. County treasurers collecting fees pursuant to this subdivision 31 shall remit such fees to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall

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credit five dollars of the fee to the <u>designated recipient of the</u>
 <u>alternate license plate fee pursuant to section 35 of this act</u> Game and
 <u>Parks State Park Improvement and Maintenance Fund for the purpose of</u>
 <u>trail improvement and maintenance</u>.

5 (b) In addition to all other fees required for registration under 6 the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, each application for initial issuance 7 or renewal of personalized message alternate license plates The Good Life Is Outside Plates shall be accompanied by the personalized message 8 9 <u>alternate license plate</u> a fee of forty dollars. County treasurers collecting fees pursuant to this subdivision shall remit such fees to the 10 11 State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit twenty-five percent of 12 the fee for initial issuance and renewal of such plates to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and seventy-five percent of the fee to the 13 14 designated recipient of the alternate license plate fee pursuant to 15 section 35 of this act Game and Parks State Park Improvement and Maintenance Fund for the purpose of trail improvement and maintenance. 16

17 (4) (3) When the department receives an application for alternate <u>license plates</u> The Good Life Is Outside Plates, the department may 18 deliver the license plates and registration certificate to the applicant 19 20 by United States mail or to the county treasurer of the county where in 21 which the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is registered and the 22 delivery of the license plates and registration certificate shall be made 23 through a secure process and system. If Beginning on an implementation 24 date designated by the director on or before January 1, 2022, if delivery of the license plates and registration certificate is made by the 25 26 department to the applicant, the department may charge a postage and 27 handling fee in an amount not more than necessary to recover the cost of postage and handling for the specific items mailed to the registrant. The 28 29 department shall remit the fee to the State Treasurer for credit to the 30 Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund. The county treasurer or the department shall issue the specified alternate license plates The Good 31

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Life Is Outside Plates in lieu of regular license plates when the applicant complies with the other provisions of the Motor Vehicle Registration Act for registration of the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer. If <u>an alternate license plate is</u> The Good Life Is Outside <u>Plates are</u> lost, stolen, or mutilated, the licensee shall be issued <u>a</u> replacement license <u>plate</u> <del>plates</del> upon request pursuant to section 60-3,157.

8 (5) (4) The county treasurer or the department may issue temporary 9 license stickers to the applicant under this section for the applicant to lawfully operate the vehicle pending receipt of the license plates. No 10 11 charge in addition to the registration fee shall be made for the issuance 12 of a temporary license sticker under this subsection. The department shall furnish temporary license stickers for issuance by the county 13 14 treasurer at no cost to the counties. The department may adopt and 15 promulgate rules and regulations regarding the design and issuance of temporary license stickers. 16

17 (6) (5) The owner of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer 18 bearing <u>alternate license plates</u> The Good Life Is Outside Plates may apply to the county treasurer to have such <u>license</u> plates transferred to 19 a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer other than the motor vehicle, 20 21 trailer, or semitrailer for which such <u>license</u> plates were originally 22 purchased if such motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is owned by the 23 owner of the <u>license</u> plates. The owner may have the unused portion of the 24 fee for the <u>license</u> plates credited to the other motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer that which will bear the license plates at the rate of 25 26 eight and one-third percent per month for each full month left in the 27 registration period. Application for such transfer shall be accompanied by a fee of three dollars. Fees collected pursuant to this subsection 28 29 shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department of 30 Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

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(7) (6) If the cost of manufacturing <u>a type of alternate license</u>

plate The Good Life Is Outside Plates at any time exceeds the amount 1 charged for license plates pursuant to section 60-3,102, any money to be 2 3 credited to the <u>designated recipient of the alternate license plate fee</u> pursuant to section 35 of this act Game and Parks State Park Improvement 4 5 and Maintenance Fund shall instead be credited first to the Highway Trust 6 Fund in an amount equal to the difference between the manufacturing cost 7 of such type of alternate license plate costs of The Good Life Is Outside 8 Plates and the amount charged pursuant to section 60-3,102 with respect 9 to such license plates and the remainder shall be credited to the designated recipient of the alternate license plate fee pursuant to 10 11 section 35 of this act Game and Parks State Park Improvement and 12 Maintenance Fund for the purpose of trail improvement and maintenance.

Sec. 35. <u>The department shall issue the following types of</u> <u>alternate license plates pursuant to this section, section 60-3,104, and</u> <u>sections 33 and 34 of this act:</u>

(1) Arbor Day Plates. The department shall design such license 16 17 plates in consultation with the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum and a nonprofit organization holding a certificate of exemption under section 18 19 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code with a mission to inspire people 20 to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. The design of such plates shall 21 represent the history and importance of Arbor Day in Nebraska. The 22 designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for Arbor Day 23 Plates is the Home of Arbor Day Plate Cash Fund. A person may apply for 24 Arbor Day Plates beginning on January 1, 2026;

25 (2) Breast Cancer Awareness Plates. The department shall design such 26 license plates to include a pink ribbon and the words "early detection 27 saves lives" along the bottom of the license plate. The designated 28 recipient for alternate license plate fees for Breast Cancer Awareness 29 Plates is the University of Nebraska Medical Center for the breast cancer 30 navigator program;

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31 (3) Choose Life License Plates. The department shall design such
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1 license plates to reflect support for the protection of Nebraska's 2 children. The designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for 3 Choose Life License Plates is the Health and Human Services Cash Fund to 4 supplement federal funds available to the Department of Health and Human 5 Services for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, 42 6 U.S.C. 601 et seq.; 7 (4) Czech Heritage Plates. The department, in consultation with the 8 Czech Honorary Consul of Nebraska, shall design such license plates to 9 reflect Czech heritage in Nebraska. The designated recipient for 10 alternate license plate fees for Czech Heritage Plates is the Department 11 of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund; (5) Donate Life Plates. The department shall design such license 12 13 plates to reflect support for organ and tissue donation, registration as 14 a donor on the Donor Registry of Nebraska, and the federally designated 15 organ procurement organization for Nebraska. The designated recipient for 16 alternate license plate fees for Donate Life Plates is the Organ and 17 Tissue Donor Awareness and Education Fund; (6) Down Syndrome Awareness Plates. The department shall design such 18 19 license plates to include the words "Down syndrome awareness" inside a 20 heart-shaped yellow and blue ribbon. The designated recipient for 21 alternate license plate fees for Down Syndrome Awareness Plates is the 22 University of Nebraska Medical Center for the Down Syndrome Clinic; 23 (7) Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water Plates. The department shall 24 design such license plates to include a blue background with the head of 25 an otter surfacing above water surrounded by the words "Josh the Otter-Be

27 <u>fees for Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water Plates is the Josh the</u>

Safe Around Water". The designated recipient for alternate license plate

28 <u>Otter-Be Safe Around Water Cash Fund;</u>

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(8) Mountain Lion Conservation Plates. The department shall design
 such license plates to reflect support for the conservation of the
 mountain lion population. The designated recipient for alternate license

plate fees for Mountain Lion Conservation Plates is the Game and Parks
 Commission Educational Fund;

3 (9) Native American Cultural Awareness and History Plates. The 4 department, in consultation with the Commission on Indian Affairs, shall 5 design license plates that reflect the unique culture and history of 6 Native American tribes historically and currently located in Nebraska. 7 The designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for Native 8 American Cultural Awareness and History Plates is the Native American 9 Scholarship and Leadership Fund;

(10)(a) Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates. The department shall 10 design such license plates to (i) include the word "Cornhuskers" or 11 12 "Huskers" prominently in the design, (ii) use scarlet and cream colors in 13 the design or such other similar colors as the department determines to 14 best represent the official team colors of the University of Nebraska 15 Cornhuskers athletic programs and to provide suitable reflection and contrast, (iii) use cream or a similar color for the background of the 16 17 design and scarlet or a similar color for the printing, and (iv) create a design reflecting support for the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers 18 19 athletic programs in consultation with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln 20 Athletic Department.

(b) Alphanumeric Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates shall (i) be
 consecutively numbered beginning with the number one and use numbers that
 are a size that 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 personalized message license plates in subsection (2) of section 60-3,118. The characters used shall consist only of letters, numerals, or a combination of letters and numerals of the same size and design specified in section 60-3,100. A maximum of seven characters may be used.

31 (d) Each application for initial issuance or renewal of Nebraska

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Cornhusker Spirit Plates shall be accompanied by a fee of seventy
 dollars. Fees collected pursuant to this subdivision 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 license plate fees.
 (e) The designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for
 Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates is the Highway Trust Fund;

8 <u>(11) Nebraska History Plates. The department shall design such</u> 9 <u>license plates in consultation with the Nebraska State Historical Society</u> 10 <u>to reflect the importance of historical preservation in Nebraska and the</u> 11 <u>value of our shared Nebraska history. The designated recipient for</u> 12 <u>alternate license plate fees for Nebraska History Plates is the Support</u> 13 <u>Nebraska History Cash Fund;</u>

(12) Pets for Vets Plates. The department shall design such license
 plates to support veterans and companion or therapy pet animals. The
 designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for Pets for Vets
 Plates is the Pets for Vets Cash Fund;

18 (13) Prostate Cancer Awareness Plates. The department shall design 19 such license plates to include a light blue ribbon and the words "early 20 detection saves lives" along the bottom of the license plate. The 21 designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for Prostate Cancer 22 Awareness Plates is the University of Nebraska Medical Center for the 23 Nebraska Prostate Cancer Research Program;

24 <u>(14) Sammy's Superheroes license plates for childhood cancer</u>
25 awareness. The department shall design such license plates to include a
26 blue handprint over a yellow ribbon and the words "childhood cancer
27 awareness". The designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for
28 Sammy's Superheroes license plates for childhood cancer awareness is the
29 University of Nebraska Medical Center for pediatric cancer research;

30 (15) Support the Arts Plates. The department shall design such
 31 license plates in consultation with the Nebraska Arts Council to reflect

1 support for the arts in Nebraska. The designated recipient for alternate
2 license plate fees for Support the Arts Plates is the Support the Arts
3 Cash Fund;

4 (16)(a) Support Our Troops Plates. The department shall design such
5 license plates to reflect support for troops from all branches of the
6 armed forces. The designated recipient for alternate license plate fees
7 for Support Our Troops Plates is the Veterans Employment Program Fund.

8 (b)(i) Each application for initial issuance or renewal of 9 alphanumeric Support Our Troops Plates shall be accompanied by a fee of 10 five dollars. The State Treasurer shall credit five dollars of the fee to 11 the designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for Support Our 12 Troops Plates.

13 (ii) Each application for initial issuance or renewal of 14 personalized message Support Our Troops Plates shall be accompanied by a 15 fee of seventy dollars. Twenty-five percent of such fee shall be credited 16 to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and seventy-five percent of 17 such fee shall be credited to the designated recipient for alternate 18 license plate fees for Support Our Troops Plates;

19 <u>(17) The Good Life Is Outside Plates. The department shall design</u> 20 <u>such license plates to reflect the importance of safe walking and biking</u> 21 <u>in Nebraska and the value of our recreational trails. The designated</u> 22 <u>recipient for alternate license plate fees for The Good Life Is Outside</u> 23 <u>Plates is the Game and Parks State Park Improvement and Maintenance Fund</u> 24 for the purpose of trail improvement and maintenance; and

25 (18) Wildlife Conservation Plates. The department shall create no
26 more than three designs for such license plates to reflect support for
27 the conservation of Nebraska wildlife, including sandhill cranes, bighorn
28 sheep, and ornate box turtles. The designated recipient for alternate
29 license plate fees for Wildlife Conservation Plates is the Wildlife
30 Conservation Fund.

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Sec. 36. Section 60-462.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

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1 2024, is amended to read:

60-462.01 For purposes of the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act,
the following federal regulations are adopted as Nebraska law as they
existed on January 1, 2025 2024:

5 The parts, subparts, and sections of Title 49 of the Code of Federal 6 Regulations, as referenced in the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act.

Sec. 37. Section 60-479.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2024, is amended to read:

9 60-479.01 (1) All persons handling source documents or engaged in 10 the issuance of new, renewed, or reissued operators' licenses or state 11 identification cards shall have periodic fraudulent document recognition 12 training.

(2) All persons and agents of the department involved in the 13 14 recording of verified application information or verified operator's 15 license and state identification card information, involved in the manufacture or production of licenses or cards, or who have the ability 16 17 to affect information on such licenses or cards shall be subject to a criminal history record information check, including a check of prior 18 employment references, and a lawful status check as required by 6 C.F.R. 19 20 part 37, as such part existed on the date specified in section 9 of this 21 act January 1, 2024. Such persons and agents shall provide fingerprints 22 which shall be submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The 23 bureau shall use its records for the criminal history record information 24 check.

(3) Upon receipt of a request pursuant to subsection (2) of this
section, the Nebraska State Patrol shall undertake a search for criminal
history record information relating to such applicant, including
transmittal of the applicant's fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of
Investigation for a national criminal history record information check.
The criminal history record information check shall include information
concerning the applicant from federal repositories of such information

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and repositories of such information in other states, if authorized by federal law. The Nebraska State Patrol shall issue a report to the employing public agency that shall include the criminal history record information concerning the applicant. The cost of any background check shall be borne by the employer of the person or agent.

6 (4) Any person convicted of any disqualifying offense as provided in 7 6 C.F.R. part 37, as such part existed on the date specified in section 9 of this act January 1, 2024, shall not be involved in the recording of 8 9 verified application information or verified operator's license and state identification card information, involved in the manufacture 10 or 11 production of licenses or cards, or involved in any capacity in which 12 such person would have the ability to affect information on such licenses or cards. Any employee or prospective employee of the department shall be 13 14 provided notice that he or she will undergo such criminal history record 15 information check prior to employment or prior to any involvement with the issuance of operators' licenses or state identification cards. 16

Sec. 38. Section 60-483, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

60-483 (1) The director shall assign a distinguishing number to each 19 20 operator's license issued and shall keep a record of the same which shall 21 be open to public inspection by any person requesting inspection of such 22 record who qualifies under section 60-2906 or 60-2907. Any person 23 requesting such driver record information shall furnish to the Department 24 of Motor Vehicles (a) verification of identity and purpose that the requester is entitled under section 60-2906 or 60-2907 to disclosure of 25 26 the personal information in the record, (b) the name of the person whose 27 record is being requested, and (c) when the name alone is insufficient to identify the correct record, the department may request additional 28 29 identifying information. The department shall, upon request of any 30 requester, furnish a certified abstract of the operating record of any person, in either hard copy or electronically, and shall charge the 31

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1 requester a fee of three dollars per abstract.

2 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, 3 <u>the</u> The department shall remit any revenue generated under subsections 4 (1) through (5) of this section to the State Treasurer, and the State 5 Treasurer shall credit forty-one and two-thirds percent to the Department 6 of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund, twenty-five percent to the General Fund, and 7 thirty-three and one-third percent to the Records Management Cash Fund.

8 (3) The director shall, upon receiving a request and an agreement 9 from the United States Selective Service System to comply with requirements of this section, furnish driver record information to the 10 11 United States Selective Service System to include the name, post office 12 address, date of birth, sex, and social security number of licensees. The United States Selective Service System shall pay all costs incurred by 13 14 the department in providing the information but shall not be required to 15 pay any other fee required by law for information. No driver record information shall be furnished to the United States Selective Service 16 17 System regarding any female, nor regarding any male other than those between the ages of seventeen years and twenty-six years. The information 18 shall only be used in the fulfillment of the required duties of the 19 20 United States Selective Service System and shall not be furnished to any 21 other person.

(4) The director shall keep a record of all applications for
operators' licenses that are disapproved with a brief statement of the
reason for disapproval of the application.

(5) The director may establish a monitoring service which provides information on operating records that have changed due to any adjudicated traffic citation or administrative action. The director shall charge a fee of <u>fifteen six</u> cents per operating record searched pursuant to this section and the fee provided in subsection (1) of this section for each abstract returned as a result of the search. <u>For each fee charged, the</u> department shall remit to the State Treasurer nine cents to be credited

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<u>to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and six cents to be</u>
 <u>credited as provided in subsection (2) of this section.</u>

3 (6) Driver record header information, including name, license number, date of birth, address, and physical description, from every 4 5 driver record maintained by the department may be made available so long 6 as the Uniform Motor Vehicle Records Disclosure Act is not violated. 7 Monthly updates, including all new records, may also be made available. 8 There shall be a fee of thirty eighteen dollars per thousand records. All 9 fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund. 10

(7) The department may enter into a reciprocity agreement with a foreign country to provide for the mutual recognition and reciprocal exchange of a valid operator's license issued by this state or the foreign country if the department determines that the licensing standards of the foreign country are comparable to those of this state. Any such agreement entered into by the department shall not include the mutual recognition and reciprocal exchange of a commercial driver's license.

18 (8) For Beginning July 1, 2021, for any record provided pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the requester shall be required to pay, 19 20 in addition to the fee prescribed in such subsection, a fee of twelve 21 dollars four dollars and fifty cents per record. For each fee charged, 22 the department shall remit to the State Treasurer eight dollars to Fifty 23 cents shall be credited to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and 24 four dollars to shall be credited to the Operator's License Services System Replacement and Maintenance Fund. 25

26 Sec. 39. Section 60-495, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 27 amended to read:

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

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1 necessary under the act.

2 (2) The Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness and Education Fund is 3 created. Department personnel and the county treasurer shall remit all funds contributed under sections 60-484, 60-4,144, and 60-4,181 to the 4 5 State Treasurer for credit to the fund. The fund shall also include any 6 money credited to the fund pursuant to section <u>35 of this act</u> <del>60-3,246</del>. 7 The Department of Health and Human Services shall administer the Organ 8 and Tissue Donor Awareness and Education Fund for the promotion of organ 9 and tissue donation. The department shall use the fund to assist organizations such as the federally designated organ procurement 10 11 organization for Nebraska and the State Anatomical Board in carrying out 12 activities that which promote organ and tissue donation through the creation and dissemination of educational information. Any money in the 13 14 fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment 15 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. 16

17 Sec. 40. Section 60-4,111.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative 18 Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

19 60-4,111.01 (1) The Department of Motor Vehicles, the courts, or law 20 enforcement agencies may store or compile information acquired from an 21 operator's license or a state identification card for their statutorily 22 authorized purposes.

23 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) or (4) of this 24 person having use of or access to machine-readable section, no information encoded on an operator's license or a state identification 25 card shall compile, store, preserve, trade, sell, 26 or share such 27 information. Any person who trades, sells, or shares such information shall be guilty of a Class IV felony. Any person who compiles, stores, or 28 29 preserves such information except as authorized in subsection (3) or (4) 30 of this section shall be guilty of a Class IV felony.

31 (3)(a) For purposes of compliance with and enforcement of

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restrictions on the purchase of alcohol, lottery tickets, and tobacco 1 products, a retailer who sells any of such items pursuant to a license 2 3 issued or a contract under the applicable statutory provision may scan machine-readable information encoded on an operator's license or a state 4 5 identification card presented for the purpose of such a sale. The 6 retailer may store only the following information obtained from the 7 license or card: Age and license or card identification number. The 8 retailer shall post a sign at the point of sale of any of such items 9 stating that the license or card will be scanned and that the age and identification number will be stored. The stored information may only be 10 11 used by a law enforcement agency for purposes of enforcement of the 12 restrictions on the purchase of alcohol, lottery tickets, and tobacco products and may not be shared with any other person or entity. 13

14 (b) For purposes of compliance with the provisions of sections 15 28-458 to 28-462, a seller who sells methamphetamine precursors pursuant to such sections may scan machine-readable information encoded on an 16 17 operator's license or a state identification card presented for the purpose of such a sale. The seller may store only the following 18 information obtained from the license or card: Name, age, address, type 19 of identification presented by the customer, the governmental entity that 20 21 issued the identification, and the number on the identification. The 22 seller shall post a sign at the point of sale stating that the license or 23 card will be scanned and stating what information will be stored. The 24 stored information may only be used by law enforcement agencies, regulatory agencies, and the exchange for purposes of enforcement of the 25 26 restrictions on the sale or purchase of methamphetamine precursors 27 pursuant to sections 28-458 to 28-462 and may not be shared with any other person or entity. For purposes of this subsection, the terms 28 29 exchange, methamphetamine precursor, and seller have the same meanings as 30 in section 28-458.

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(c) The retailer or seller shall utilize software that stores only

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the information allowed by this subsection. A programmer for computer software designed to store such information shall certify to the retailer that the software stores only the information allowed by this subsection. Intentional or grossly negligent programming by the programmer which allows for the storage of more than the age and identification number or wrongfully certifying the software shall be a Class IV felony.

7 (d) A retailer or seller who knowingly stores more information than
8 authorized under this subsection from the operator's license or state
9 identification card shall be guilty of a Class IV felony.

(e) Information scanned, compiled, stored, or preserved pursuant to
subdivision (a) of this subsection may not be retained longer than
eighteen months unless required by state or federal law.

(4) In order to approve a negotiable instrument, an electronic funds
transfer, or a similar method of payment, a person having use of or
access to machine-readable information encoded on an operator's license
or a state identification card may:

(a) Scan, compile, store, or preserve such information in order to provide the information to a check services company subject to and in compliance with the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. 1681 et seq., as such act existed on <u>the date specified in section 9 of this act</u> January 1, 2024, for the purpose of effecting, administering, or enforcing a transaction requested by the holder of the license or card or preventing fraud or other criminal activity; or

(b) Scan and store such information only as necessary to protect
against or prevent actual or potential fraud, unauthorized transactions,
claims, or other liability or to resolve a dispute or inquiry by the
holder of the license or card.

(5) Except as provided in subdivision (4)(a) of this section,
information scanned, compiled, stored, or preserved pursuant to this
section may not be traded or sold to or shared with a third party; used
for any marketing or sales purpose by any person, including the retailer

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who obtained the information; or, unless pursuant to a court order,
 reported to or shared with any third party. A person who violates this
 subsection shall be guilty of a Class IV felony.

Sec. 41. Section 60-4,131, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2024, is amended to read:

6 60-4,131 (1) Sections 60-462.01 and 60-4,132 to 60-4,172 shall apply
7 to the operation of any commercial motor vehicle.

8 (2) For purposes of such sections:

9 (a) Disqualification means:

10 (i) The suspension, revocation, cancellation, or any other
11 withdrawal by a state of a person's privilege to operate a commercial
12 motor vehicle;

(ii) A determination by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety
Administration, under the rules of practice for motor carrier safety
contained in 49 C.F.R. part 386, that a person is no longer qualified to
operate a commercial motor vehicle under 49 C.F.R. part 391; or

17 (iii) The loss of qualification which automatically follows
18 conviction of an offense listed in 49 C.F.R. 383.51;

19 (b) Downgrade means the state:

(i) Allows the driver of a commercial motor vehicle to change his or
her self-certification to interstate, but operating exclusively in
transportation or operation excepted from 49 C.F.R. part 391, as provided
in 49 C.F.R. 390.3(f), 391.2, 391.68, or 398.3;

(ii) Allows the driver of a commercial motor vehicle to change his
or her self-certification to intrastate only, if the driver qualifies
under a state's physical qualification requirements for intrastate only;

(iii) Allows the driver of a commercial motor vehicle to change his or her certification to intrastate, but operating exclusively in transportation or operations excepted from all or part of a state driver qualification requirement; or

31 (iv) Removes the commercial driver's license privilege from the

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1 operator's license;

(c) Employee means any operator of a commercial motor vehicle,
including full-time, regularly employed drivers; casual, intermittent, or
occasional drivers; and leased drivers and independent, owner-operator
contractors, while in the course of operating a commercial motor vehicle,
who are either directly employed by or under lease to an employer;

7 (d) Employer means any person, including the United States, a state, 8 the District of Columbia, or a political subdivision of a state, that 9 owns or leases a commercial motor vehicle or assigns employees to operate 10 a commercial motor vehicle;

(e) Endorsement means an authorization to an individual's CLPcommercial learner's permit or commercial driver's license required to permit the individual to operate certain types of commercial motor vehicles;

15 (f) Foreign means outside the fifty United States and the District 16 of Columbia;

(g) Imminent hazard means the existence of a condition relating to hazardous material that presents a substantial likelihood that death, serious illness, severe personal injury, or a substantial endangerment to health, property, or the environment may occur before the reasonably foreseeable completion date of a formal proceeding begun to lessen the risk of that death, illness, injury, or endangerment;

(h) Issue and issuance means initial issuance, transfer, renewal, or
upgrade of a commercial driver's license or nondomiciled commercial
driver's license, or issuance, transfer, or upgrade of a CLP-commercial
learner's permit or nondomiciled CLP-commercial learner's permit, as
described in 49 C.F.R. 383.73;

(i) Medical examiner means an individual certified by the Federal
Motor Carrier Safety Administration and listed on the National Registry
of Certified Medical Examiners in accordance with 49 C.F.R. part 390,
subpart D;

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(j) Medical examiner's certificate means <u>any paper certification or</u>
 <u>electronic certification that meets</u> a form meeting the requirements of 49
 C.F.R. 391.43 issued by a medical examiner in compliance with such
 regulation;

5 (k) Medical variance means the Federal Motor Carrier Safety 6 Administration has provided a driver with either an exemption letter 7 permitting operation of a commercial motor vehicle pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 8 381, subpart C, or 49 C.F.R. 391.64 or a Skill Performance Evaluation 9 Certificate permitting operation of a commercial motor vehicle pursuant 10 to 49 C.F.R. 391.49;

(1) Nondomiciled CLP-commercial learner's permit or nondomiciled commercial driver's license means a CLP-commercial learner's permit or commercial driver's license, respectively, issued by this state or other jurisdiction under either of the following two conditions:

(i) To an individual domiciled in a foreign country meeting the
requirements of 49 C.F.R. 383.23(b)(1); or

17 (ii) To an individual domiciled in another state meeting the 18 requirements of 49 C.F.R. 383.23(b)(2);

(m) Representative vehicle means a motor vehicle which represents
the type of motor vehicle that a driver applicant operates or expects to
operate;

(n) State means a state of the United States and the District ofColumbia;

(o) State of domicile means that state where a person has his or her
true, fixed, and permanent home and principal residence and to which he
or she has the intention of returning whenever he or she is absent;

(p) Tank vehicle means any commercial motor vehicle that is designed to transport any liquid or gaseous materials within a tank or tanks that have an individual rated capacity of more than one hundred nineteen gallons and an aggregate rated capacity of one thousand gallons or more and that are either permanently or temporarily attached to the vehicle or

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1 the chassis. A commercial motor vehicle transporting an empty storage 2 container tank, not designed for transportation, with a rated capacity of 3 one thousand gallons or more that is temporarily attached to a flatbed 4 trailer is not considered a tank vehicle;

5 (q) Third-party skills test examiner means a person employed by a 6 third-party tester who is authorized by this state to administer the 7 commercial driver's license skills tests specified in 49 C.F.R. part 383, 8 subparts G and H;

9 (r) Third-party tester means a person, including, but not limited 10 to, another state, a motor carrier, a private driver training facility or 11 other private institution, or a department, agency, or instrumentality of 12 a local government, authorized by this state to employ skills test 13 examiners to administer the commercial driver's license skills tests 14 specified in 49 C.F.R. part 383, subparts G and H;

15 (s) United States means the fifty states and the District of 16 Columbia; and

(t) Vehicle group means a class or type of vehicle with certain
operating characteristics.

19 Sec. 42. Section 60-4,132, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,20 2024, is amended to read:

21 60-4,132 The purposes of sections 60-462.01, 60-4,133, and 60-4,137 22 to 60-4,172 are to implement the requirements mandated by the federal 23 Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986, 49 U.S.C. 31100 et seq., the 24 federal Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999, Public Law 106-159, 49 U.S.C. 101 et seq., section 1012 of the federal Uniting and 25 26 Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to 27 Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001, USA PATRIOT Act, 49 U.S.C. 5103a, and federal regulations as such acts and regulations existed on 28 29 January 1, 2025 2024, and to reduce or prevent commercial motor vehicle 30 accidents, fatalities, and injuries by: (1) Permitting drivers to hold only one operator's license; (2) disqualifying drivers for specified 31

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offenses and serious traffic violations; and (3) strengthening licensing
 and testing standards.

3 Sec. 43. Section 60-4,134, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2024, is amended to read:

5 60-4,134 In conformance with section 7208 of the federal Fixing 6 America's Surface Transportation Act and 49 C.F.R. 383.3(i), as such 7 section and regulation existed on the date specified in section 9 of this 8 act January 1, 2024, no hazardous materials endorsement authorizing the 9 holder of a Class A commercial driver's license to operate a commercial motor vehicle transporting diesel fuel shall be required if such driver 10 11 is (1) operating within the state and acting within the scope of his or 12 her employment as an employee of a custom harvester operation, an agrichemical business, a farm retail outlet and supplier, or a livestock 13 14 feeder and (2) operating a service vehicle that is (a) transporting 15 diesel in a quantity of one thousand gallons or less and (b) clearly marked with a flammable or combustible placard, as appropriate. 16

Sec. 44. Section 60-4,144, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

60-4,144 (1) An applicant for issuance of any original or renewal 19 20 commercial driver's license or an applicant for a change of class of 21 commercial motor vehicle, endorsement, or restriction shall demonstrate 22 his or her knowledge and skills for operating a commercial motor vehicle 23 as prescribed in the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act. An applicant 24 for a commercial driver's license shall provide the information and documentation required by this section and section 60-4,144.01. Such 25 26 information and documentation shall include any additional information 27 required by 49 C.F.R. parts 383 and 391 and also include:

(a) Certification that the commercial motor vehicle in which the
applicant takes any driving skills examination is representative of the
class of commercial motor vehicle that the applicant operates or expects
to operate; and

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(b) The names of all states where the applicant has been licensed to
 operate any type of motor vehicle in the ten years prior to the date of
 application.

(2)(a) Before being issued a CLP-commercial learner's permit or 4 5 commercial driver's license, the applicant shall provide (i) his or her 6 full legal name, date of birth, mailing address, gender, race or 7 ethnicity, and social security number, (ii) two forms of proof of address of his or her principal residence unless the applicant is a program 8 9 participant under the Address Confidentiality Act, except that a for a CLP-commercial 10 nondomiciled applicant learner's permit or 11 nondomiciled commercial driver's license holder does not have to provide 12 proof of residence in Nebraska, (iii) evidence of identity as required by this section, and (iv) a brief physical description of himself or 13 14 herself.

15 (b) The applicant's social security number shall not be printed on the CLP-commercial learner's permit or commercial driver's license and 16 17 shall be used only (i) to furnish information to the United States Selective Service System under section 60-483, (ii) with the permission 18 of the director in connection with the certification of the status of an 19 20 individual's driving record in this state or any other state, (iii) for 21 purposes of child support enforcement pursuant to section 42-358.08 or 22 43-512.06, (iv) to furnish information regarding an applicant for or 23 holder of a commercial driver's license with a hazardous materials 24 endorsement to the Transportation Security Administration of the United States Department of Homeland Security or its agent, (v) to furnish 25 26 information to the Department of Revenue under section 77-362.02, (vi) to 27 furnish information to the Secretary of State for purposes of the Election Act, or 28 (vii) to query the federal Drug and Alcohol 29 Clearinghouse.

30 (c) No person shall be a holder of a CLP-commercial learner's permit 31 or commercial driver's license and a state identification card at the

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1 same time.

2 (3) Before being issued a CLP-commercial learner's permit or 3 commercial driver's license, an applicant, except a nondomiciled 4 applicant, shall provide proof that this state is his or her state of 5 residence. Acceptable proof of residence is a document with the person's 6 name and residential address within this state.

7 (4)(a) Before being issued a CLP-commercial learner's permit or
8 commercial driver's license, an applicant shall provide proof of
9 identity.

10 (b) The following are acceptable as proof of identity:

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(i) A valid, unexpired United States passport;

(ii) A certified copy of a birth certificate filed with a state
office of vital statistics or equivalent agency in the individual's state
of birth;

(iii) A Consular Report of Birth Abroad issued by the United States
Department of State;

17 (iv) A valid, unexpired permanent resident card issued by the United
18 States Department of Homeland Security or United States Citizenship and
19 Immigration Services;

(v) An unexpired employment authorization document issued by the
United States Department of Homeland Security;

(vi) An unexpired foreign passport with a valid, unexpired United
States visa affixed accompanied by the approved form documenting the
applicant's most recent admittance into the United States;

(vii) A Certificate of Naturalization issued by the United States
 Department of Homeland Security;

(viii) A Certificate of Citizenship issued by the United States
Department of Homeland Security;

(ix) A driver's license or identification card issued in compliance
with the standards established by the federal REAL ID Act of 2005, Public
Law 109-13, division B, section 1, 119 Stat. 302; or

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(x) Such other documents as the director may approve.

2 (c) If an applicant presents one of the documents listed under 3 subdivision (b)(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (vii), or (viii) of this 4 subsection, the verification of the applicant's identity will also 5 provide satisfactory evidence of lawful status.

6 (d) If the applicant presents one of the identity documents listed 7 under subdivision (b)(v), (vi), or (ix) of this subsection, the 8 verification of the identity documents does not provide satisfactory 9 evidence of lawful status. The applicant shall also present a second document from subdivision (4)(b) of this section, a document from 10 11 subsection (5) of this section, or documentation issued by the United 12 States Department of Homeland Security or other federal agencies demonstrating lawful status as determined 13 by the United States 14 Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(e) An applicant may present other documents as designated by the
director as proof of identity. Any documents accepted shall be recorded
according to a written exceptions process established by the director.

(f)(i) Any person assigned a parolee immigration status by the United States Department of Homeland Security may apply for and be issued a CLP-commercial learner's permit or commercial driver's license that is not in compliance with the federal REAL ID Act of 2005, Public Law 109-13, if the person:

(A) Possessed an unexpired foreign passport issued to such person at
 the time of such person's entry into the United States of America; and

(B) Fulfills the requirements of subdivision (2)(a) of this section
and such requirements are verified pursuant to section 60-484.06.

(ii) Any CLP-commercial learner's permit or commercial driver's license issued under this subsection is otherwise subject to all laws relating to CLP-commercial learner's permits or commercial driver's licenses.

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(5)(a) Whenever a person, as a nondomiciled individual to this

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state, is renewing, replacing, upgrading, transferring, or applying for a commercial driver's license, or replacing, upgrading, transferring, or applying for a CLP-commercial learner's permit, the Department of Motor Vehicles shall verify the citizenship in the United States of the person or the lawful status in the United States of the person.

6 (b) The following are acceptable as proof of citizenship or lawful7 status:

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(i) A valid, unexpired United States passport;

9 (ii) A certified copy of a birth certificate filed with a state 10 office of vital statistics or equivalent agency in the individual's state 11 of birth, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, or the 12 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;

(iii) A Consular Report of Birth Abroad issued by the United States
Department of State;

(iv) A Certificate of Naturalization issued by the United States
Department of Homeland Security;

17 (v) A Certificate of Citizenship issued by the United States
18 Department of Homeland Security; or

(vi) A valid, unexpired Permanent Resident Card issued by the United
States Department of Homeland Security or United States Citizenship and
Immigration Services.

(6) An applicant may present other documents as designated by the director as proof of lawful status. Any documents accepted shall be recorded according to a written exceptions process established by the director.

26 (7)(a) An applicant shall obtain a nondomiciled CLP-commercial
 27 driver's license or nondomiciled CLP-commercial learner's permit:

(i) If the applicant is domiciled in a foreign jurisdiction and the
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administrator has not determined that the
commercial motor vehicle operator testing and licensing standards of that
jurisdiction meet the standards contained in subparts G and H of 49

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1 C.F.R. part 383; or

2 (ii) If the applicant is domiciled in a state that is prohibited 3 from issuing commercial learners' permits and commercial drivers' 4 licenses in accordance with 49 C.F.R. 384.405. Such person is eligible to 5 obtain a nondomiciled CLP-commercial learner's permit or nondomiciled 6 commercial driver's license from Nebraska that complies with the testing 7 and licensing standards contained in subparts F, G, and H of 49 C.F.R. 8 part 383.

9 (b) An applicant for a nondomiciled CLP-commercial learner's permit 10 and nondomiciled commercial driver's license shall do the following:

11 (i) Complete the requirements to obtain a CLP-commercial learner's 12 permit or a commercial driver's license under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act, except that an applicant domiciled in a foreign 13 14 jurisdiction shall provide an unexpired employment authorization document 15 issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services or an unexpired foreign passport accompanied by an approved I-94 form 16 17 documenting the applicant's most recent admittance into the United States. No proof of domicile is required; 18

(ii) After receipt of the nondomiciled CLP-commercial learner's 19 permit or nondomiciled commercial driver's license and, for as long as 20 21 the permit or license is valid, notify the Department of Motor Vehicles 22 of any adverse action taken by any jurisdiction or governmental agency, 23 foreign or domestic, against his or her driving privileges. Such adverse 24 actions include, but are not limited to, license disqualification or disqualification from operating a commercial motor vehicle for the 25 26 convictions described in 49 C.F.R. 383.51. Notifications shall be made 27 within the time periods specified in 49 C.F.R. 383.33; and

(iii) Provide a mailing address to the Department of Motor Vehicles.
If the applicant is applying for a foreign nondomiciled CLP-commercial
learner's permit or foreign nondomiciled commercial driver's license, he
or she shall provide a Nebraska mailing address and his or her employer's

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1 mailing address to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

2 (c) An applicant for a nondomiciled CLP-commercial learner's permit 3 or nondomiciled commercial driver's license who holds a foreign 4 operator's license is not required to surrender his or her foreign 5 operator's license.

6 (8) Any person applying for a CLP-commercial learner's permit or
7 commercial driver's license may answer the following:

8 (a) Do you wish to register to vote as part of this application9 process?

(b) Do you wish to have a veteran designation displayed on the front of your operator's license to show that you served in the armed forces of the United States? (To be eligible you shall register with the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs registry.)

(c) Do you wish to include your name in the Donor Registry of
Nebraska and donate your organs and tissues at the time of your death?
(d) Do you wish to receive any additional specific information
regarding organ and tissue donation and the Donor Registry of Nebraska?

18 (e) Do you wish to donate \$1 to promote the Organ and Tissue Donor19 Awareness and Education Fund?

(9) Application for a CLP-commercial learner's permit or commercial
driver's license shall include a signed oath, affirmation, or declaration
of the applicant that the information provided on the application for the
permit or license is true and correct.

(10) Any person applying for a CLP-commercial learner's permit or commercial driver's license shall make one of the certifications in section 60-4,144.01 and any certification required under section 60-4,146 and shall provide such certifications to the Department of Motor Vehicles in order to be issued a CLP-commercial learner's permit or a commercial driver's license.

30 (11) Every person who holds any commercial driver's license shall
 31 maintain the provide to the department medical certification as required

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by section 60-4,144.01. The department may provide notice and prescribe medical certification compliance requirements for all holders of commercial drivers' licenses. Holders of commercial drivers' licenses who fail to meet the prescribed medical certification compliance requirements may be subject to downgrade.

6 (12) Any driver who applies for a commercial driver's license or a
7 CLP-commercial learner's permit is deemed to have consented to the
8 release of information from the federal Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse in
9 accordance with 49 C.F.R. part 382.

Sec. 45. Section 60-4,144.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

12 60-4,144.01 (1) Any person who is applying for a commercial driver's 13 license or CLP-commercial learner's permit shall make a self-14 certification under subsection (2), (3), (4), or (5) of this section as 15 required under 49 C.F.R. 383.71(b)(1). Certification shall be made as 16 follows:

17 (2)(a) Certification shall be made under this subsection for any 18 person who (1) A person must certify that he or she operates or expects 19 to operate a commercial motor vehicle in interstate commerce, is both 20 subject to and meets the qualification requirements under 49 C.F.R. part 21 391, and is required to <u>be medically examined and certified as physically</u> 22 <u>qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle in accordance with obtain</u> 23 <u>a medical examiner's certificate by</u> 49 C.F.R. 391.45.

(b) To The medical examination required in order to obtain a medical
 examiner's certificate, the medical examination shall be conducted by a
 medical examiner who is listed on the National Registry of Certified
 Medical Examiners unless excepted under 49 C.F.R. 391.43(b).

(c) Before June 23, 2025, any person who self-certifies that such
 person is required to be medically examined and certified as physically
 qualified under 49 C.F.R. 391.45 to operate a commercial motor vehicle
 shall Any nonexcepted holder of a commercial learner's permit or

1 commercial driver's license who certifies that he or she will operate a 2 commercial motor vehicle in nonexcepted, interstate commerce must 3 maintain a current medical examiner's certificate and provide a copy of 4 it to the department in order to maintain his or her medical 5 certification status.  $\dot{\tau}$ 

6 <u>(d) Beginning on an implementation date determined by the director,</u> 7 <u>but not later than June 23, 2025, any person who self-certifies that such</u> 8 <u>person is required to be medically examined and certified under 49 C.F.R.</u> 9 <u>391.45 shall maintain a current medical examiner's certificate. A copy of</u> 10 <u>such certificate does not need to be provided to the department to</u> 11 <u>maintain such person's medical certification status.</u>

(e) Beginning on an implementation date determined by the director, but not later than June 23, 2025, no medical examination certificate that is issued directly to any person who is required to be medically examined and certified can be used to satisfy the certification requirement of, or be used to maintain medical certification for the purpose of complying with, 49 C.F.R. part 391.

(f) Any person who has obtained a medical variance from the Federal
 Motor Carrier Safety Administration, in the form of an exemption letter
 or medical variance skill performance evaluation certificate, shall carry
 such letter or certificate while operating a commercial motor vehicle.

22 (3) Certification shall be made under this subsection for any person 23 who (2) A person must certify that he or she operates or expects to 24 operate a commercial motor vehicle in interstate commerce, but engages 25 exclusively in transportation or operations excepted under 49 C.F.R. 26 390.3(f), 391.2, 391.68, or 398.3 from all or part of the qualification 27 requirements of 49 C.F.R. part 391, and is therefor not required to 28 obtain a medical examiner's certificate by 49 C.F.R. 391.45.  $\frac{1}{7}$ 

(4) Certification shall be made under this subsection for any person
 who operates or expects to operate (3) A person must certify that he or
 she operates a commercial motor vehicle only in intrastate commerce and

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1 therefor is subject to state driver qualification requirements as
2 provided in section 75-363. ; or

3 (5) Certification shall be made under this subsection for any person 4 who operates or expects to operate (4) A person must certify that he or 5 she operates a commercial motor vehicle in intrastate commerce, but 6 engages exclusively in transportation or operations excepted from all or 7 parts of the state driver qualification requirements.

Sec. 46. Section 60-4,144.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
9 is amended to read:

10 60-4,144.02 (1) For each operator of a commercial motor vehicle 11 required to have a commercial driver's license or CLP-commercial 12 learner's permit, the department, in compliance with 49 C.F.R. 383.73 <u>and</u> 13 <u>49 C.F.R. 384.225</u>, shall:

(a) Post the driver's self-certification of type of driving under
 section 60-4,144.01 to the Commercial Driver License Information System
 driver record 49 C.F.R. 383.71(a)(1)(ii);

(b) Retain the medical examiner's certificate of any driver required to provide documentation of physical qualification for three years beyond the date the certificate was issued; and

(c) Post the information from the medical examiner's certificate <u>received from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration</u> within ten calendar days to the Commercial Driver License Information System driver record, including:

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(i) The medical examiner's name;

25 (ii) The medical examiner's telephone number;

26 (iii) The date of the medical examiner's certificate issuance;

27 (iv) The medical examiner's license number and the state that issued 28 it;

(v) The medical examiner's National Registry identification number
 (if the National Registry of Medical Examiners, mandated by 49 U.S.C.
 31149(d), requires one);

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(vi) The indicator of the medical certification status, either 1 2 "certified" or "not-certified";

3 (vii) The expiration date of the medical examiner's certificate; (viii) The existence of any medical variance on the medical 4 5 certificate, such as an exemption <u>letter</u>, Skill Performance Evaluation 6 (SPE) certification, or grandfather provisions;

7 (ix) Any restrictions, for example, corrective lenses, hearing aid, or required to have possession of an exemption letter or Skill 8 9 Performance Evaluation certificate while on duty; and

(x) The date the medical examiner's certificate information was 10 11 posted to the Commercial Driver License Information System driver 12 record; -

(d) Before June 23, 2025, post the medical variance information 13 14 received from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration within ten 15 business days to the Commercial Driver License Information System driver record, including the: 16

(i) Date of medical variance issuance or renewal; and 17

(ii) Expiration date of medical variance; and 18

19 (e) Beginning on an implementation date designated by the director, 20 but not later than June 23, 2025, post the medical variance information 21 electronically received from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety 22 Administration within one business day to the Commercial Driver License Information System driver record, including the: 23

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(i) Date of medical variance issuance or renewal; and

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(ii) Expiration date of medical variance.

26 (2) The department shall, within ten calendar days of the driver's 27 medical certification status expiring or a medical variance expiring or 28 being rescinded, update the medical certification status of that driver 29 as "not-certified".

30 (3) Within ten calendar days of receiving information from the 31 Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration regarding issuance or renewal of a medical variance for a driver, the department shall update the Commercial Driver License Information System driver record to include the medical variance information provided by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

5 <u>(2)(a)</u> <del>(4)(a)</del> If a driver's medical certification or medical 6 variance expires, or the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration 7 notifies the department that a medical variance was removed or rescinded, 8 the department shall:

9 (i) Notify the holder of the commercial driver's license or CLPcommercial learner's permit of his or her "not-certified" medical 10 11 certification status and that the CLP-commercial learner's permit or 12 commercial driver's license privilege will be removed from the driver's license or permit unless the driver submits a current medical certificate 13 14 or medical variance or changes his or her self-certification to driving 15 only in excepted or intrastate commerce, if permitted by the department; and 16

(ii) Initiate established department procedures for downgrading the license. The commercial driver's license downgrade shall be completed and recorded within sixty days of the driver's medical certification status becoming "not-certified" to operate a commercial motor vehicle; and -

21 (iii)(A) Before June 23, 2025, update the Commercial Driver License
22 Information System driver record as "not-certified" within ten calendar
23 days; and

(B) Beginning on an implementation date designated by the director,
 but not later than June 23, 2025, update the Commercial Driver License
 Information System driver record as "not-certified" within one business
 day.

28 (b)(i) Before June 23, 2025, if (b) If a driver fails to provide the 29 department with the certification contained in <u>49 C.F.R. 383.71(b)(1)(i)</u> 30 49 C.F.R. <u>383.71(a)(1)(ii)</u>, or a current medical examiner's certificate 31 if the driver self-certifies according to <u>49 C.F.R. 383.71(b)(1)(i)</u> 49

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C.F.R. 383.71(a)(1)(ii)(A) that he or she is operating in nonexcepted 1 2 interstate commerce as required by 49 C.F.R. 383.71(h), the department 3 shall mark that Commercial Driver License Information System driver record as "not-certified" and initiate a commercial driver's license 4 5 downgrade following department procedures in accordance with subdivision 6 (2)(a)(ii) (4)(a)(ii) of this section. The CLP-commercial learner's 7 permit or commercial driver's license shall be canceled and marked as 8 "not-certified".

9 (ii) Beginning on an implementation date designated by the director,
10 but not later than June 23, 2025, for any driver who fails to maintain
11 the certification required by 49 C.F.R. 383.71(b)(1) or for any driver
12 who self-certifies pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 383.71(b)(1)(i) that the driver
13 is operating in nonexcepted interstate commerce pursuant to 49 C.F.R.
14 383.71(h), the department shall:

- 15 (A) Update the Commercial Driver License Information System driver 16 record for such driver as "not-certified";
- 17 (B) Initiate a downgrade for such driver following department
   18 procedures in accordance with subdivision (2)(a) of this section;

19 (C) Cancel the CLP-commercial learner's permit or commercial 20 driver's license for such driver; and

(D) Mark the CLP-commercial learner's permit or commercial driver's
 license for such driver as "not-certified".

23 Sec. 47. Section 60-4,147.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative 24 Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

60-4,147.02 No endorsement authorizing the driver to operate a commercial motor vehicle transporting hazardous materials shall be issued, renewed, or transferred by the Department of Motor Vehicles unless the endorsement is issued, renewed, or transferred in conformance with the requirements of section 1012 of the federal Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001, USA PATRIOT Act, 49 U.S.C.

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5103a, including all amendments and federal regulations adopted pursuant
thereto as of <u>the date specified in section 9 of this act</u> <del>January 1,</del>
<del>2024</del>, for the issuance of licenses to operate commercial motor vehicles
transporting hazardous materials.

5 Sec. 48. Section 60-4,168, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
6 2024, is amended to read:

60-4,168 (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this
section, a person shall be disqualified from operating a commercial motor
vehicle for one year upon his or her first conviction, after April 1,
1992, in this or any other state for:

(a) Operating a commercial motor vehicle in violation of section 60-6,196 or 60-6,197 or under the influence of a controlled substance or, beginning September 30, 2005, operating any motor vehicle in violation of section 60-6,196 or 60-6,197 or under the influence of a controlled substance;

(b) Operating a commercial motor vehicle in violation of section
60-4,163 or 60-4,164;

(c) Leaving the scene of an accident involving a commercial motor
vehicle operated by the person or, beginning September 30, 2005, leaving
the scene of an accident involving any motor vehicle operated by the
person;

(d) Using a commercial motor vehicle in the commission of a felony
other than a felony described in subdivision (3)(b) of this section or,
beginning September 30, 2005, using any motor vehicle in the commission
of a felony other than a felony described in subdivision (3)(b) of this
section;

(e) Beginning September 30, 2005, operating a commercial motor
vehicle after his or her commercial driver's license has been suspended,
revoked, or canceled or the driver is disqualified from operating a
commercial motor vehicle; or

31 (f) Beginning September 30, 2005, causing a fatality through the

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1 negligent or criminal operation of a commercial motor vehicle.

2 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, if any of 3 the offenses described in subsection (1) of this section occurred while a 4 person was transporting hazardous material in a commercial motor vehicle 5 which required placarding pursuant to section 75-364, the person shall, 6 upon conviction or administrative determination, be disqualified from 7 operating a commercial motor vehicle for three years.

8 (3) A person shall be disqualified from operating a commercial motor
9 vehicle for life if, after April 1, 1992, he or she:

(a) Is convicted of or administratively determined to have committed
a second or subsequent violation of any of the offenses described in
subsection (1) of this section or any combination of those offenses
arising from two or more separate incidents;

(b) Beginning September 30, 2005, used a motor vehicle in the
commission of a felony involving the manufacturing, distributing, or
dispensing of a controlled substance; or

(c) Used a commercial motor vehicle in the commission of a felony
involving an act or practice of severe forms of trafficking in persons,
as defined and described in 22 U.S.C. 7102(11), as such section existed
on the date specified in section 9 of this act January 1, 2024.

(4)(a) A person is disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for a period of not less than sixty days if he or she is convicted in this or any other state of two serious traffic violations, or not less than one hundred twenty days if he or she is convicted in this or any other state of three serious traffic violations, arising from separate incidents occurring within a three-year period while operating a commercial motor vehicle.

(b) A person is disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for a period of not less than sixty days if he or she is convicted in this or any other state of two serious traffic violations, or not less than one hundred twenty days if he or she is convicted in

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this or any other state of three serious traffic violations, arising from separate incidents occurring within a three-year period while operating a motor vehicle other than a commercial motor vehicle if the convictions have resulted in the revocation, cancellation, or suspension of the person's operator's license or driving privileges.

6 (5)(a) A person who is convicted of operating a commercial motor 7 vehicle in violation of a federal, state, or local law or regulation 8 pertaining to one of the following six offenses at a highway-rail grade 9 crossing shall be disqualified for the period of time specified in 10 subdivision (5)(b) of this section:

(i) For drivers who are not required to always stop, failing to slow
 down and check that the tracks are clear of an approaching train;

(ii) For drivers who are not required to always stop, failing to
stop before reaching the crossing, if the tracks are not clear;

(iii) For drivers who are always required to stop, failing to stop
before driving onto the crossing;

17 (iv) For all drivers, failing to have sufficient space to drive18 completely through the crossing without stopping;

(v) For all drivers, failing to obey a traffic control device or the
directions of an enforcement official at the crossing; or

(vi) For all drivers, failing to negotiate a crossing because of
 insufficient undercarriage clearance.

(b)(i) A person shall be disqualified for not less than sixty days
if the person is convicted of a first violation described in this
subsection.

(ii) A person shall be disqualified for not less than one hundred
twenty days if, during any three-year period, the person is convicted of
a second violation described in this subsection in separate incidents.

(iii) A person shall be disqualified for not less than one year if,
during any three-year period, the person is convicted of a third or
subsequent violation described in this subsection in separate incidents.

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(6) A person shall be disqualified from operating a commercial motor
 vehicle for at least one year if, on or after July 8, 2015, the person
 has been convicted of fraud related to the issuance of his or her CLP commercial learner's permit or commercial driver's license.

5 (7) If the department receives credible information that a CLP-6 commercial learner's permit holder or a commercial driver's license 7 holder is suspected, but has not been convicted, on or after July 8, 8 2015, of fraud related to the issuance of his or her CLP-commercial 9 learner's permit or commercial driver's license, the department must require the driver to retake the skills and knowledge tests. Within 10 11 thirty days after receiving notification from the department that 12 retesting is necessary, the affected CLP-commercial learner's permit holder or commercial driver's license holder must make an appointment or 13 14 otherwise schedule to take the next available test. If the CLP-commercial 15 learner's permit holder or commercial driver's license holder fails to make an appointment within thirty days, the department must disqualify 16 17 his or her CLP-commercial learner's permit or commercial driver's license. If the driver fails either the knowledge or skills test or does 18 not take the test, the department must disqualify his or her CLP-19 20 commercial learner's permit or commercial driver's license. If the holder 21 of a CLP-commercial learner's permit or commercial driver's license has 22 had his or her CLP-commercial learner's permit or commercial driver's 23 license disqualified, he or she must reapply for a CLP-commercial learner's permit or commercial driver's license under department 24 procedures applicable to all applicants for a CLP-commercial learner's 25 26 permit or commercial driver's license.

(8) For purposes of this section, controlled substance has the samemeaning as in section 28-401.

(9) For purposes of this section, conviction means an unvacated
adjudication of guilt, or a determination that a person has violated or
failed to comply with the law, in a court of original jurisdiction or by

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an authorized administrative tribunal, an unvacated forfeiture of bail or collateral deposited to secure the person's appearance in court, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere accepted by the court, the payment of a fine or court costs, or a violation of a condition of release without bail, regardless of whether or not the penalty is rebated, suspended, or probated.

7 (10) For purposes of this section, serious traffic violation means:

8 (a) Speeding at or in excess of fifteen miles per hour over the
9 legally posted speed limit;

(b) Willful reckless driving as described in section 60-6,214 or
reckless driving as described in section 60-6,213;

(c) Improper lane change as described in section 60-6,139;

13 (d) Following the vehicle ahead too closely as described in section
14 60-6,140;

(e) A violation of any law or ordinance related to motor vehicle
traffic control, other than parking violations or overweight or vehicle
defect violations, arising in connection with an accident or collision
resulting in death to any person;

(f) Beginning September 30, 2005, operating a commercial motor
vehicle without a commercial driver's license;

(g) Beginning September 30, 2005, operating a commercial motor vehicle without a commercial driver's license in the operator's possession;

(h) Beginning September 30, 2005, operating a commercial motor
vehicle without the proper class of commercial driver's license and any
endorsements, if required, for the specific vehicle group being operated
or for the passengers or type of cargo being transported on the vehicle;

(i) Beginning October 27, 2013, texting while driving as described
 in section 60-6,179.02; and

30 (j) Using a handheld mobile telephone as described in section 31 60-6,179.02.

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(11) Each period of disqualification imposed under this section
 shall be served consecutively and separately.

3 Sec. 49. Section 60-501, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2024, is amended to read:

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

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(1) Department means Department of Motor Vehicles;

8 (2) Former military vehicle means a motor vehicle that was 9 manufactured for use in any country's military forces and is maintained 10 to accurately represent its military design and markings, regardless of 11 the vehicle's size or weight, but is no longer used, or never was used, 12 by a military force;

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

(4) Judgment means any judgment which shall have become final by the 20 21 expiration of the time within which an appeal might have been perfected 22 without being appealed, or by final affirmation on appeal, rendered by a 23 court of competent jurisdiction of any state or of the United States, (a) 24 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 25 26 services, because of bodily injury to or death of any person or for 27 damages because of injury to or destruction of property, including the loss of use thereof, or (b) upon a cause of action on an agreement of 28 29 settlement for such damages;

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

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1 (6)(a) (6) Low-speed vehicle means any: a 2 (i) Four-wheeled (a) four-wheeled motor vehicle: 3 (A) With a (i) whose speed attainable in one mile of is more than twenty miles per hour and not more than twenty-five miles per hour on a 4 5 paved, level surface; -6 (B) With a (ii) whose gross vehicle weight rating of is less than 7 three thousand pounds;  $\tau$  and (C) That (iii) that complies with 49 C.F.R. part 571, as such part 8 9 existed on January 1, 2025; 2024, or 10 (ii) Three-wheeled (b) three-wheeled motor vehicle: 11 (A) With a (i) whose maximum speed attainable of is not more than 12 twenty-five miles per hour on a paved, level surface;  $\tau$ 13 (B) With a (ii) whose gross vehicle weight rating of is less than 14 three thousand pounds:  $\overline{T}$  and 15 (C) That (iii) which is equipped with a windshield and an occupant 16 protection system. 17 (b) Low-speed vehicle does not include a A motorcycle with a sidecar attached is not a low-speed vehicle; 18 (7) Minitruck means a foreign-manufactured import vehicle 19 or 20 domestic-manufactured vehicle which (a) is powered by an internal 21 combustion engine with a piston or rotor displacement of one thousand 22 five hundred cubic centimeters or less, (b) is sixty-seven inches or less 23 in width, (c) has a dry weight of four thousand two hundred pounds or 24 less, (d) travels on four or more tires, (e) has a top speed of approximately fifty-five miles per hour, (f) is equipped with a bed or 25 26 compartment for hauling, (g) has an enclosed passenger cab, (h) is 27 equipped with headlights, taillights, turnsignals, windshield wipers, a rearview mirror, and an occupant protection system, and (i) has a four-28 29 speed, five-speed, or automatic transmission;

30 (8) Motor vehicle means any self-propelled vehicle which is designed
 31 for use upon a highway, including trailers designed for use with such

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vehicles, minitrucks, and low-speed vehicles. Motor vehicle includes a 1 former military vehicle. Motor vehicle does not include (a) mopeds as 2 3 defined in section 60-637, (b) traction engines, (c) road rollers, (d) farm tractors, (e) tractor cranes, (f) power shovels, (g) well drillers, 4 5 (h) every vehicle which is propelled by electric power obtained from 6 overhead wires but not operated upon rails, (i) electric personal 7 assistive mobility devices as defined in section 60-618.02, (j) off-road 8 designed vehicles, including, but not limited to, golf car vehicles, go-9 carts, riding lawnmowers, garden tractors, all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles as defined in section 60-6,355, minibikes as 10 11 defined in section 60-636, and snowmobiles as defined in section 60-663, and (k) bicycles as defined in section 60-611; 12

(9) Nonresident means every person who is not a resident of thisstate;

(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 or the use of a motor vehicle owned by him or her in this state;

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

21 (12) Owner means a person who holds the legal title of a motor 22 vehicle, or in the event (a) a motor vehicle is the subject of an 23 agreement for the conditional sale or lease thereof with the right of 24 purchase upon performance of the conditions stated in the agreement and with an immediate right of possession vested in the conditional vendee or 25 26 lessee or (b) a mortgagor of a vehicle is entitled to possession, then 27 such conditional vendee or lessee or mortgagor shall be deemed the owner for the purposes of the act; 28

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

31 (14) Proof of financial responsibility means evidence of ability to

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respond in damages for liability, on account of accidents occurring 1 2 subsequent to the effective date of such proof, arising out of the 3 ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle, (a) in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars because of bodily injury to or death of one 4 5 person in any one accident, (b) subject to such limit for one person, in 6 the amount of fifty thousand dollars because of bodily injury to or death 7 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 8 9 property of others in any one accident;

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

(16) State means any state, territory, or possession of the United
 States, the District of Columbia, or any province of the Dominion of
 Canada; and

16 (17) The forfeiture of bail, not vacated, or of collateral deposited 17 to secure an appearance for trial shall be regarded as equivalent to 18 conviction of the offense charged.

19 Sec. 50. Section 60-628.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,20 2024, is amended to read:

21 60-628.01 (1) Low-speed vehicle means any: a

22 (a) Four-wheeled (1) four-wheeled motor vehicle:

23 (i) With a (a) whose speed attainable in one mile of is more than 24 twenty miles per hour and not more than twenty-five miles per hour on a 25 paved, level surface;  $\tau$ 

26 (ii) With a (b) whose gross vehicle weight rating of is less than 27 three thousand pounds;  $\tau$  and

(iii) That (c) that complies with 49 C.F.R. part 571, as such part
 existed on the date specified in section 9 of this act; January 1, 2024,
 or

31 (b) Three-wheeled (2) three-wheeled motor vehicle:

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1 (i) With a (a) whose maximum speed attainable of is not more than 2 twenty-five miles per hour on a paved, level surface;  $_{T}$ 

3 (ii) With a (b) whose gross vehicle weight rating of is less than 4 three thousand pounds;  $\tau$  and

5 (iii) That (c) which is equipped with a windshield and an occupant
6 protection system.

7 (2) Low-speed vehicle does not include a A motorcycle with a sidecar
8 attached is not a low-speed vehicle.

9 Sec. 51. Section 60-6,265, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
10 2024, is amended to read:

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60-6,265 For purposes of sections 60-6,266 to 60-6,273:

(1) Occupant protection system means a system utilizing a lap belt, 12 a shoulder belt, or any combination of belts installed in a motor vehicle 13 14 which (a) restrains drivers and passengers and (b) conforms to Federal 15 Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, 49 C.F.R. 571.207, 571.208, 571.209, and 16 571.210, as such standards existed on the date specified in section 9 of 17 this act January 1, 2024, or, as a minimum standard, to the federal motor vehicle safety standards for passenger restraint systems applicable for 18 the motor vehicle's model year; and 19

(2) Three-point safety belt system means a system utilizing a
combination of a lap belt and a shoulder belt installed in a motor
vehicle which restrains drivers and passengers.

23 Sec. 52. Section 60-1506, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 24 amended to read:

60-1506 (1) For purposes of this section, vehicle means any motor
 vehicle, trailer, motorboat, all-terrain vehicle, utility-type vehicle,
 snowmobile, or minibike.

(2) (1) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall keep a record of each
 motor vehicle , trailer, motorboat, all-terrain vehicle, utility-type
 vehicle, snowmobile, and minibike registered or titled in this state,
 alphabetically by name of the owner, with cross reference in each

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1 instance to the registration number assigned to such motor vehicle  $_{\tau}$ 2 trailer, motorboat, all-terrain vehicle, utility-type vehicle, 3 snowmobile, and minibike. The record may be destroyed by any public 4 officer having custody of it after three years from the date of its 5 issuance.

6 (3)(a) (2) The department shall issue a copy of the record of a 7 registered or titled motor vehicle , trailer, motorboat, all-terrain vehicle, utility-type vehicle, snowmobile, or minibike to any person 8 9 after receiving from the person the name on the registration or title, number, 10 certificate of the license plate the vehicle identification or other type of identification number, or the title 11 number of a motor vehicle, trailer, motorboat, all-terrain vehicle, 12 13 utility-type vehicle, snowmobile, or minibike, if the person provides to 14 the department verification of identity and purpose pursuant to section 15 60-2906 or 60-2907. A fee of three dollars one dollar shall be charged for the copy. Any fee received by the department pursuant to this 16 17 subdivision shall be deposited into the License Plate Cash Fund.

18 (b)(i) An extract of the entire file of motor vehicles , trailers, 19 motorboats, all-terrain vehicles, utility-type vehicles, snowmobiles, and 20 minibikes registered or titled in the state or updates to the entire file 21 may be provided to a person upon payment of the following a fee of 22 eighteen dollars per one thousand records: -

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(A) Prior to July 1, 2026, twenty-five dollars; and

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<u>(B) Beginning July 1, 2026, thirty-five dollars.</u>

(ii) Any fee received by the department pursuant to this <u>subdivision</u>
 (b) <del>subsection</del> shall be deposited into the Department of Motor Vehicles
 Cash Fund.

28 (4)(a) (3) The record of each motor vehicle , trailer, motorboat, 29 all-terrain vehicle, utility-type vehicle, snowmobile, or minibike 30 registration or title maintained by the department pursuant to this 31 section may be made available electronically through the portal

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established under section 84-1204 so long as the Uniform Motor Vehicle
 Records Disclosure Act is not violated.

3 (b) There shall be a fee of <u>three dollars</u> one dollar per record for 4 individual records and for data-to-data requests for multiple motor 5 vehicle <del>, trailer, motorboat, all-terrain vehicle, utility-type vehicle,</del> 6 snowmobile, or minibike title and registration records.

7 (c) The following fees apply for For bulk record requests of
 8 multiple motor vehicle , trailer, motorboat, all-terrain vehicle,
 9 utility-type vehicle, snowmobile, or minibike titles and registrations
 10 selected on the basis of criteria of the individual making the request:

11 (i) Fifty , there shall be a fee of fifty dollars for every request 12 under two thousand records;  $\tau$ 

13 (<u>ii) Per</u> and a fee of eighteen dollars per one thousand records for 14 any number of records over two thousand:  $\tau$ 

15 (A) Prior to July 1, 2026, twenty-five dollars; and

16 (B) Beginning July 1, 2026, thirty-five dollars; and

<u>(iii) A plus a</u> reasonable programming fee not to exceed five hundred
 twenty dollars.

(d)(i) All fees collected pursuant to this subsection for electronic
 access to records through the portal shall be <u>remitted to the State</u>
 <u>Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit:</u>

(A) For each fee paid under subdivision (b) of this subsection, two
 dollars per record to the License Plate Cash Fund and the remainder of
 such fee to the Records Management Cash Fund;

25 <u>(B) For each fee paid under subdivision (c)(ii)(A) of this</u>
26 <u>subsection, seven dollars per one thousand records for any number of</u>
27 <u>records over two thousand to the License Plate Cash Fund and the</u>
28 <u>remainder of such fee to the Records Management Cash Fund; and</u>

<u>(C) For each fee paid under subdivision (c)(ii)(B) of this</u>
 <u>subsection, seventeen dollars per one thousand records for any number of</u>
 <u>records over two thousand to the License Plate Cash Fund and the</u>

1 remainder of such fee to the Records Management Cash Fund.

2 (ii) All fees credited to deposited in the Records Management Cash
3 Fund pursuant to this subsection and shall be distributed as provided in
4 any agreements between the State Records Board and the department.

5 Sec. 53. Section 60-1509, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
6 2024, is amended to read:

7 60-1509 (1) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall build and 8 maintain a new operator's license services system for the issuance of 9 operators' licenses and state identification cards. The Director of Motor 10 Vehicles shall designate an implementation date for the new system which 11 date is on or before July 1, 2032.

12 Operator's License Services System Replacement (2) The and Maintenance Fund is created. The fund shall consist of amounts credited 13 14 under subsection (8) of section 60-483. The fund shall be used for the 15 building, implementation, and maintenance of a new operator's license services system for the issuance of operators' licenses and state 16 identification cards. 17

18 (3) Any money in the Operator's License Services System Replacement 19 and Maintenance Fund available for investment shall be invested by the 20 state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act 21 and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Beginning October 1, 2024, 22 any investment earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be 23 credited to the General Fund.

Sec. 54. Section 60-2705, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
25 2024, is amended to read:

60-2705 The Director of Motor Vehicles shall adopt standards for an informal dispute settlement procedure which substantially comply with the provisions of 16 C.F.R. part 703, as such part existed on January 1, <u>2025</u> <del>2024</del>.

30 If a manufacturer has established or participates in a dispute 31 settlement procedure certified by the Director of Motor Vehicles within

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the guidelines of such standards, the provisions of section 60-2703
 concerning refunds or replacement shall not apply to any consumer who has
 not first resorted to such a procedure.

Sec. 55. Section 60-2909.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2024, is amended to read:

6 60-2909.01 The department and any officer, employee, agent, or 7 contractor of the department having custody of a motor vehicle record 8 shall, upon the verification of identity and purpose of a requester, 9 disclose and make available the requested motor vehicle record, including 10 the sensitive personal information in the record, other than the social 11 security number, for the following purposes:

12 (1) For use by any federal, state, or local governmental agency,
13 including any court or law enforcement agency, in carrying out the
14 agency's functions or by a private person or entity acting on behalf of a
15 governmental agency in carrying out the agency's functions;

16 (2) For use in connection with any civil, criminal, administrative, 17 or arbitral proceeding in any federal, state, or local court or 18 governmental agency or before any self-regulatory body, including service 19 of process, investigation in anticipation of litigation, and execution or 20 enforcement of judgments and orders, or pursuant to an order of a 21 federal, state, or local court, an administrative agency, or a self-22 regulatory body;

(3) For use by any insurer or insurance support organization, or by
a self-insured entity, or its agents, employees, or contractors, in
connection with claims investigation activities, anti-fraud activities,
rating, or underwriting;

(4) For use by an employer or the employer's agent or insurer to obtain or verify information relating to a holder of a commercial driver's license or CLP-commercial learner's permit that is required under the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986, 49 U.S.C. 31301 et seq., as such act existed on January 1, <u>2025</u> <del>202</del>4, or pursuant to

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1 sections 60-4,132 and 60-4,141; and

2 (5) For use by employers of a holder of a commercial driver's
3 license or CLP-commercial learner's permit and by the Commercial Driver
4 License Information System as provided in section 60-4,144.02 and 49
5 C.F.R. 383.73, as such regulation existed on January 1, <u>2025</u> <del>2024</del>.

Sec. 56. Section 74-1335, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

8 74-1335 <u>(1) For purposes of this section, successor in interest</u> 9 <u>includes any agent, successor, assignee, trustee, receiver, or other</u> 10 <u>person acquiring interests or rights in railroad land, including the</u> 11 <u>owner or holder of any servient estate or right of reversion relating to</u> 12 <u>railroad land.</u>

(2) Whenever any person owns land on both sides of the right-of-way 13 14 of any railroad or its successor in interest, such railroad or its 15 successor in interest shall provide and keep in repair at least one adequate means for such landowner to cross the right-of-way. 16 Any interested landowner with land on both sides of the right-of-way of any 17 railroad or its successor in interest may file written complaint with the 18 Department of Transportation against any such railroad or its successor 19 <u>in interest</u> that the crossing is not adequate or is unsafe and dangerous 20 21 to the life and property of those who use it, and the department 22 thereupon shall make such investigation, hold such hearing, and issue 23 such orders as it deems necessary, proper, and adequate. If circumstances 24 warrant, the department may require overhead, underground, or grade crossings and wing fences at underground crossings or may require 25 26 existing crossings to be relocated so as to be safe to those who use 27 them, but when a special crossing involves an expenditure of more than one thousand five hundred dollars, the landowner shall bear one-half the 28 29 expenses in excess of one thousand five hundred dollars.

30 Sec. 57. Section 75-363, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 31 2024, is amended to read:

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1 75-363 (1) The parts, subparts, and sections of Title 49 of the Code 2 of Federal Regulations listed below, as modified in this section, or any 3 other parts, subparts, and sections referred to by such parts, subparts, 4 and sections, in existence and effective as of <u>the date specified in</u> 5 <u>section 75-365</u> January 1, 2024, are adopted as Nebraska law.

6 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the regulations7 shall be applicable to:

8 (a) All motor carriers, drivers, and vehicles to which the federal 9 regulations apply; and

10 (b) All motor carriers transporting persons or property in
 11 intrastate commerce to include:

(i) All vehicles of such motor carriers with a gross vehicle weight
rating, gross combination weight rating, gross vehicle weight, or gross
combination weight over ten thousand pounds;

(ii) All vehicles of such motor carriers designed or used to transport more than eight passengers, including the driver, for compensation, or designed or used to transport more than fifteen passengers, including the driver, and not used to transport passengers for compensation;

20 (iii) All vehicles of such motor carriers transporting hazardous
21 materials required to be placarded pursuant to section 75-364; and

(iv) All drivers of such motor carriers if the drivers are operating
a commercial motor vehicle as defined in section 60-465 which requires a
commercial driver's license.

(3) The Legislature hereby adopts, as modified in this section, the
following parts of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations:

27 (a) Part 382 - CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND ALCOHOL USE AND TESTING;

28 (b) Part 385 - SAFETY FITNESS PROCEDURES;

29 (c) Part 386 - RULES OF PRACTICE FOR FMCSA PROCEEDINGS;

30 (d) Part 387 - MINIMUM LEVELS OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MOTOR
 31 CARRIERS;

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1 (e) Part 390 - FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY REGULATIONS; GENERAL;

2 (f) Part 391 - QUALIFICATIONS OF DRIVERS AND LONGER COMBINATION
3 VEHICLE (LCV) DRIVER INSTRUCTORS;

4 (g) Part 392 - DRIVING OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES;

5 (h) Part 393 - PARTS AND ACCESSORIES NECESSARY FOR SAFE OPERATION;

6 (i) Part 395 - HOURS OF SERVICE OF DRIVERS;

7 (j) Part 396 - INSPECTION, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE;

8 (k) Part 397 - TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS; DRIVING AND
9 PARKING RULES; and

10 (1) Part 398 - TRANSPORTATION OF MIGRANT WORKERS.

(4) The provisions of subpart E - Physical Qualifications and Examinations of 49 C.F.R. part 391 - QUALIFICATIONS OF DRIVERS AND LONGER COMBINATION VEHICLE (LCV) DRIVER INSTRUCTORS shall not apply to any driver subject to this section who: (a) Operates a commercial motor vehicle exclusively in intrastate commerce; and (b) holds, or has held, a commercial driver's license issued by this state prior to July 30, 1996.

17 (5) The regulations adopted in subsection (3) of this section shall 18 not apply to farm trucks registered pursuant to section 60-3,146 with a 19 gross weight of sixteen tons or less. The following parts and sections of 20 49 C.F.R. chapter III shall not apply to drivers of farm trucks 21 registered pursuant to section 60-3,146 and operated solely in intrastate 22 commerce:

23 (a) All of part 391;

24 (b) Section 395.8 of part 395; and

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(c) Section 396.11 of part 396.

(6) The following parts and subparts of 49 C.F.R. chapter III shallnot apply to the operation of covered farm vehicles:

28 (a) Part 382 - CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND ALCOHOL USE AND TESTING;

29 (b) Part 391, subpart E - Physical Qualifications and Examinations;

30 (c) Part 395 - HOURS OF SERVICE OF DRIVERS; and

31 (d) Part 396 - INSPECTION, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE.

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1 (7) Part 393 - PARTS AND ACCESSORIES NECESSARY FOR SAFE OPERATION 2 and Part 396 - INSPECTION, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE shall not apply to 3 fertilizer and agricultural chemical application and distribution 4 equipment transported in units with a capacity of three thousand five 5 hundred gallons or less.

6 (8) For purposes of this section, intrastate motor carriers shall
7 not include any motor carrier or driver excepted from 49 C.F.R. chapter
8 III by section 390.3(f) of part 390.

9 (9)(a) Part 395 - HOURS OF SERVICE OF DRIVERS shall apply to motor 10 carriers and drivers who engage in intrastate commerce as defined in 11 section 75-362, except that no motor carrier who engages in intrastate 12 commerce shall permit or require any driver used by it to drive nor shall 13 any driver drive:

14 (i) More than twelve hours following ten consecutive hours off duty;15 or

16 (ii) For any period after having been on duty sixteen hours17 following ten consecutive hours off duty.

(b) No motor carrier who engages in intrastate commerce shall permit
or require a driver of a commercial motor vehicle, regardless of the
number of motor carriers using the driver's services, to drive, nor shall
any driver of a commercial motor vehicle drive, for any period after:

(i) Having been on duty seventy hours in any seven consecutive daysif the employing motor carrier does not operate every day of the week; or

(ii) Having been on duty eighty hours in any period of eight
consecutive days if the employing motor carrier operates motor vehicles
every day of the week.

(10) Part 395 - HOURS OF SERVICE OF DRIVERS, as adopted in
subsections (3) and (9) of this section, shall not apply to drivers
transporting agricultural commodities or farm supplies for agricultural
purposes during planting and harvesting season when:

31 (a) The transportation of such agricultural commodities is from the

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source of the commodities to a location within a one-hundred-fifty-air mile radius of the source of the commodities;

3 (b) The transportation of such farm supplies is from a wholesale or 4 retail distribution point of the farm supplies to a farm or other 5 location where the farm supplies are intended to be used which is within 6 a one-hundred-fifty-air-mile radius of the wholesale or retail 7 distribution point; or

8 (c) The transportation of such farm supplies is from a wholesale 9 distribution point of the farm supplies to a retail distribution point of 10 the farm supplies which is within a one-hundred-fifty-air-mile radius of 11 the wholesale distribution point.

12 (11) 49 C.F.R. 390.21 - Marking of self-propelled CMVs and 13 intermodal equipment shall not apply to farm trucks and farm truck-14 tractors registered pursuant to section 60-3,146 and operated solely in 15 intrastate commerce.

(12) 49 C.F.R. 392.9a - Operating authority shall not apply to
 Nebraska motor carriers operating commercial motor vehicles solely in
 intrastate commerce.

(13) No motor carrier shall permit or require a driver of a
commercial motor vehicle to violate, and no driver of a commercial motor
vehicle shall violate, any out-of-service order.

Sec. 58. Section 75-364, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2024, is amended to read:

75-364 The parts, subparts, and sections of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations listed below, or any other parts, subparts, and sections referred to by such parts, subparts, and sections, in existence and effective as of <u>the date specified in section 75-365</u> January 1, 2024, are adopted as part of Nebraska law and shall be applicable to all motor carriers whether engaged in interstate or intrastate commerce, drivers of such motor carriers, and vehicles of such motor carriers:

31 (1) Part 107 - HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PROGRAM PROCEDURES, subpart F -

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Registration of Cargo Tank and Cargo Tank Motor Vehicle Manufacturers,
 Assemblers, Repairers, Inspectors, Testers, and Design Certifying
 Engineers;

4 (2) Part 107 - HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PROGRAM PROCEDURES, subpart G 5 Registration of Persons Who Offer or Transport Hazardous Materials;

6 (3) Part 171 - GENERAL INFORMATION, REGULATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS;

7 (4) Part 172 - HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TABLE, SPECIAL PROVISIONS,
8 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COMMUNICATIONS, EMERGENCY RESPONSE INFORMATION,
9 TRAINING REQUIREMENTS, AND SECURITY PLANS;

10 (5) Part 173 - SHIPPERS - GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SHIPMENTS AND
 11 PACKAGINGS;

12 (6) Part 177 - CARRIAGE BY PUBLIC HIGHWAY;

13 (7) Part 178 - SPECIFICATIONS FOR PACKAGINGS; and

14 (8) Part 180 - CONTINUING QUALIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE OF15 PACKAGINGS.

16 Sec. 59. Section 75-365, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 17 amended to read:

75-365 (1) Definitions contained in the regulations referred to in
 sections 75-363 and 75-364 shall only apply to such regulations.

20 (2) When the regulations referred to in sections 75-363 and 75-364 21 require that any person submit a report to the United States Department 22 of Transportation or any other federal agency, that person shall also 23 submit a copy of the report to the Nebraska State Patrol.

24 (3) For purposes of sections 75-362 to 75-369.07, when a provision
 25 of any of such sections refers to the date specified in this section,
 26 such date is January 1, 2025.

Sec. 60. Section 75-366, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
28 2024, is amended to read:

29 75-366 For the purpose of enforcing Chapter 75, article 3, any 30 officer of the Nebraska State Patrol may, upon demand, inspect the 31 accounts, records, and equipment of any motor carrier or shipper. Any

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officer of the Nebraska State Patrol shall have the authority to enforce 1 the federal motor carrier safety regulations, as such regulations existed 2 3 on the date specified in section 75-365 January 1, 2024, and federal hazardous materials regulations, as such regulations existed on the date 4 5 specified in section 75-365 January 1, 2024, and is authorized to enter 6 upon, inspect, and examine any and all lands, buildings, and equipment of 7 any motor carrier, any shipper, and any other person subject to the 8 federal Interstate Commerce Act, the federal Department of Transportation 9 Act, and other related federal laws and to inspect and copy any and all accounts, books, records, memoranda, correspondence, and other documents 10 11 of a motor carrier, a shipper, and any other person subject to Chapter 75, article 3, for the purposes of enforcing Chapter 75, article 3. To 12 promote uniformity of enforcement, the carrier enforcement division of 13 14 the Nebraska State Patrol shall cooperate and consult with the Public Service Commission and the Division of Motor Carrier Services. 15

Sec. 61. Section 75-369.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

75-369.03 (1) The Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public 18 Safety may issue an order imposing a civil penalty against a motor 19 20 carrier transporting persons or property in interstate commerce for a 21 violation of sections 75-392 to 75-3,100 or against a motor carrier 22 transporting persons or property in intrastate commerce for a violation 23 or violations of section 75-363 or 75-364 based upon an inspection 24 conducted pursuant to section 75-366 in an amount which shall not exceed one thousand two nine hundred seventy-one dollars for any single 25 26 violation in any proceeding or series of related proceedings against any 27 person or motor carrier as defined in 49 C.F.R. 390.5 as adopted in section 75-363. 28

(2) The superintendent shall issue an order imposing a civil penalty
 in an amount not to exceed <u>twenty thousand seventeen</u> nineteen thousand
 three hundred eighty-nine dollars against a motor carrier transporting

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1 persons or property in interstate commerce for a violation of subdivision

2 (2)(e) of section 60-4,162 based upon a conviction of such a violation.

3 (3) The superintendent shall issue an order imposing a civil penalty against a driver operating a commercial motor vehicle, as defined in 4 5 section 60-465, that requires a commercial driver's license or CLP-6 commercial learner's permit, in violation of an out-of-service order. The 7 civil penalty shall be in an amount not less than three thousand eight 8 hundred sixty-one three thousand seven hundred forty dollars for a first 9 violation and not less than seven thousand seven hundred twenty-three seven thousand four hundred eighty-one dollars for a second or subsequent 10 11 violation.

(4) The superintendent shall issue an order imposing a civil penalty 12 against a motor carrier who knowingly allows, requires, permits, or 13 14 authorizes the operation of a commercial motor vehicle, as defined in 15 section 60-465, that requires a commercial driver's license or CLPcommercial learner's permit, in violation of an out-of-service order. The 16 civil penalty shall be not less than <u>six thousand nine hundred seventy-</u> 17 four six thousand seven hundred fifty-five dollars but not more than 18 19 thirty-eight thousand six hundred twelve thirty-seven thousand four 20 hundred dollars per violation.

21 (5) Upon the discovery of any violation by a motor carrier 22 transporting persons or property in interstate commerce of section 23 75-307, 75-363, or 75-364 or sections 75-392 to 75-3,100 based upon an 24 inspection conducted pursuant to section 75-366, the superintendent shall immediately refer such violation to the appropriate federal agency for 25 26 disposition, and upon the discovery of any violation by a motor carrier 27 transporting persons or property in intrastate commerce of section 75-307 based upon such inspection, the superintendent shall refer such violation 28 29 to the Public Service Commission for disposition.

30 Sec. 62. Section 75-392, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 31 2024, is amended to read:

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1 75-392 For purposes of sections 75-392 to 75-3,100:

2 (1) Director means the Director of Motor Vehicles;

3 (2) Division means the Division of Motor Carrier Services of the
4 Department of Motor Vehicles; and

5 (3) Unified carrier registration plan and agreement means the plan 6 and agreement established and authorized pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 14504a, as 7 such section existed on January 1, <u>2025</u> <del>202</del>4.

8 Sec. 63. Section 75-393, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
9 2024, is amended to read:

10 75-393 The director may participate in the unified carrier registration plan and agreement pursuant 11 to the Unified Carrier 12 Registration Act of 2005, 49 U.S.C. 13908, as the act existed on January 1, 2025 2024, and may file on behalf of this state the plan required by 13 14 such plan and agreement for enforcement of the act in this state.

15 Sec. 64. Section 80-415, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 16 amended to read:

80-415 The Veterans Employment Program Fund is created. The fund 17 shall consist of money credited pursuant to section 35 of this act 18 60-3,244 and any other money as appropriated by the Legislature. The fund 19 20 shall be administered by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, which shall 21 use the fund for recruiting and education to attract veterans recently 22 released from service to live and work in Nebraska, including the 23 development and implementation of a website as required by section 24 48-203. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital 25 26 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

27 Sec. 65. Section 80-416, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 28 amended to read:

29 80-416 The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall create a program 30 for the purpose of providing financial support to veterans for the costs 31 associated with adopting a pet animal. The department shall use the money

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credited to the Pets for Vets Cash Fund under section <u>35 of this act</u>
 <del>60-3,250</del> to award grants to carry out the purposes of such program. The
 department may administer the program or contract with an organization
 dedicated to the care of dogs and cats to administer the program.

5 Sec. 66. Section 80-417, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
6 amended to read:

7 80-417 The Pets for Vets Cash Fund is created for the purpose of 8 administering the veteran grant program created under section 80-416. The 9 fund shall consist of money credited to the fund pursuant to section <u>35</u> 10 <u>of this act</u> <del>60-3,250</del>. Any money in the fund available for investment 11 shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the 12 Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment 13 Act.

Sec. 67. Section 81-2517, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-2517 The Native American Scholarship and Leadership Fund is 16 17 created. The fund shall be administered by the Commission on Indian Affairs and shall consist of money credited to the fund pursuant to 18 section 35 of this act 60-3,235. The commission shall use the fund to 19 20 provide scholarships to Native Americans to attend a postsecondary 21 educational institution in this state and to provide other leadership 22 opportunities to Native Americans as determined by the commission. Any 23 money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state 24 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. 25

26 **Sec. 68.** Section 82-139, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 27 amended to read:

28 82-139 The Support Nebraska History Cash Fund is created. The fund 29 shall consist of money credited to the fund under section <u>35 of this act</u> 30 <del>60-3,256</del> and any other gifts, bequests, grants, or other contributions or 31 donations to the fund from public or private entities. The Nebraska State

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Historical Society shall administer and distribute the Support Nebraska History Cash Fund. The fund shall be expended to promote the history of Nebraska on the Internet, to support history education for children in Nebraska, and for costs directly related to the administration of the fund. 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. 69. Section 82-334, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
9 amended to read:

10 82-334 (1) The Support the Arts Cash Fund is created. The fund shall 11 consist of all money credited to the fund pursuant to section <u>35 of this</u> 12 <u>act</u> <del>60-3,252</del> and all money transferred to the fund pursuant to section 13 13-3108.

14 (2) The Nebraska Arts Council shall administer and distribute the 15 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 16 17 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 18 creative district that meets the criteria for the competitive grant, if 19 20 such program exists, (c) to provide money for the competitive grant 21 program for cities of the first class, cities of the second class, and 22 villages described in section 82-335, and (d) to defray costs directly 23 related to the administration of the fund.

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

31 Sec. 70. (1) The Home of Arbor Day Plate Cash Fund is created and

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1 shall be administered by the Board of Regents of the University of 2 Nebraska. The Home of Arbor Day Plate Cash Fund shall include money 3 credited pursuant to section 35 of this act, gifts, grants, private 4 contributions, and other sources. Any money in the Home of Arbor Day 5 Plate Cash Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state 6 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the 7 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

8 <u>(2) The Board of Regents shall use the fund to award grants to the</u> 9 <u>Nebraska Statewide Arboretum for purposes of tree planting, garden</u> 10 <u>making, community building, and environmental education and outreach.</u>

Sec. 71. The Revisor of Statutes shall assign section 9 of this act within Chapter 60, article 15.

Sec. 72. Sections 38, 52, 53, and 73 of this act become operative on July 1, 2025. Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 39, 56, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 74, and 76 of this act become operative three calendar months after the adjournment of this legislative session. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date.

19 Sec. 73. Original section 60-1506, Reissue Revised Statutes of 20 Nebraska, and sections 60-483 and 60-1509, Revised Statutes Cumulative 21 Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

Sec. 74. Original sections 37-327.04, 60-3,104.01, 60-3,104.02,
60-3,113, 60-3,122.04, 60-3,151, 60-3,254, 60-495, 74-1335, 80-415,
80-416, 80-417, 81-2517, 82-139, and 82-334, Reissue Revised Statutes of
Nebraska, and sections 37-112, 37-327.03, 37-811, 60-301, 60-302, 60-393,
60-395, 60-396, 60-3,101, 60-3,104, 60-3,122.03, 60-3,123, 60-3,124,
60-3,125, 60-3,130.04, and 60-3,253, Revised Statutes Cumulative
Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

Sec. 75. Original sections 60-4,144.01, 60-4,144.02, and 75-365,
Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 18-1737, 60-107,
60-119.01, 60-169, 60-302.01, 60-336.01, 60-386, 60-3,113.04,

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60-3,193.01, 60-462.01, 60-479.01, 60-4,111.01, 60-4,131, 60-4,132,
 60-4,134, 60-4,144, 60-4,147.02, 60-4,168, 60-501, 60-628.01, 60-6,265,
 60-2705, 60-2909.01, 75-363, 75-364, 75-366, 75-369.03, 75-392, and
 75-393, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

5 Sec. 76. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections 6 60-3,127, 60-3,129, 60-3,223, 60-3,224, 60-3,225, 60-3,227, 60-3,230, 7 60-3,231, 60-3,234, 60-3,235, 60-3,238, 60-3,239, 60-3,240, 60-3,242, 8 60-3,244, 60-3,246, 60-3,248, 60-3,250, 60-3,252, 60-3,255, 60-3,256, 9 60-3,257, and 60-3,258, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-3,128, 60-3,226, 60-3,232, 60-3,233, 60-3,237, 60-3,241, 10 11 60-3,243, 60-3,245, 60-3,247, 60-3,249, 60-3,251, 60-3,259, and 60-3,260, 12 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

13 Sec. 77. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when 14 passed and approved according to law.

15 2. On page 1, strike beginning with "motor" in line 1 through line 12 and insert "motor vehicles; to amend sections 37-327.04, 60-3,104.01, 16 17 60-3,104.02, 60-3,113, 60-3,122.04, 60-3,151, 60-3,254, 60-495, 60-4,144.02, 60-1506, 74-1335, 75-365, 18 60-4,144.01, 80-415, 80-416, 19 80-417, 81-2517, 82-139, and 82-334, Reissue Revised Statutes of 20 Nebraska, and sections 18-1737, 37-112, 37-327.03, 37-811, 60-107, 21 60-119.01, 60-169, 60-301, 60-302, 60-302.01, 60-336.01, 60-386, 60-393, 22 60-395, 60-396, 60-3,101, 60-3,104, 60-3,113.04, 60-3,122.03, 60-3,123, 23 60-3,124, 60-3,125, 60-3,130.04, 60-3,193.01, 60-3,253, 60-462.01, 24 60-479.01, 60-483, 60-4,111.01, 60-4,131, 60-4,132, 60-4,134, 60-4,144, 60-4,147.02, 60-4,168, 60-501, 60-628.01, 60-6,265, 60-1509, 60-2705, 25 26 60-2909.01, 75-363, 75-364, 75-366, 75-369.03, 75-392, and 75-393, 27 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt updates to federal law and update certain federal references; to provide for permanent 28 29 trailer license plates for commercial fertilizer trailers; to change 30 provisions relating to license plates and provide for the issuance of Arbor Day Plates; to change the fee for organizational license plates; to 31

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change and provide provisions relating to Military Honor Plates, 1 prisoner-of-war license plates, disabled veteran license plates, and 2 3 Purple Heart license plates; to provide duties to the Department of Motor Vehicles; to increase fees related to records requests; to change the 4 5 distribution of certain revenues; to change provisions relating to 6 commercial driver's licenses and CLP-commercial learner's permits; to 7 provide duties for the successor in interest of a railroad; to change 8 civil penalties against certain motor carriers; to create the Home of 9 Arbor Day Plate Cash Fund and provide for grants from such fund; to define and redefine terms; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to eliminate 10 11 a fund; to eliminate provisions relating to certain license plates; to 12 harmonize provisions; to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; to outright 13 14 repeal sections 60-3,127, 60-3,129, 60-3,223, 60-3,224, 60-3,225, 15 60-3,227, 60-3,230, 60-3,231, 60-3,234, 60-3,235, 60-3,238, 60-3,239, 16 60-3,240, 60-3,242, 60-3,244, 60-3,246, 60-3,248, 60-3,250, 60-3,252, 17 60-3,255, 60-3,256, 60-3,257, and 60-3,258, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-3,128, 60-3,226, 60-3,232, 60-3,233, 60-3,237, 18 60-3,241, 60-3,243, 60-3,245, 60-3,247, 60-3,249, 60-3,251, 60-3,259, and 19 20 60-3,260, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; and to declare an 21 emergency.".