

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB781**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday January 26, 2026  
**Committee On:** Transportation and Telecommunications  
**Introducer:** Ballard  
**One Liner:** Adopt updates to federal law relating to motor vehicles and motor carriers and change civil penalties against certain motor carriers

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Moser, Ballard, Bosn, Brandt, DeBoer, Fredrickson, Guereca, Storer  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Beau Ballard  
Rhonda Lahm  
Lt Mike Maytum

**Representing:**

Opening Presenter  
Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles  
Nebraska State Patrol

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB781 is a Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) update bill that harmonizes Nebraska law with federal regulations. It updates statutory references to regulations to ensure they are referencing regulations as they existed on January 1, 2026. It also increases the civil penalties for certain motor carrier violations (section 10).

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Section 1 – Amends section 18-1737 - Harmonizes Nebraska law regarding handicapped or disabled parking permits with federal law as it existed on January 1, 2026.

Section 2 – Amends section 60-201 - Updates section 60-201 of the Nebraska statutes to ensure that provisions under the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act, the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act, and the Nebraska Rules of the Road referring to the statute reference January 1, 2026.



Section 3 – Amends section 60-3,193.01 - For purposes of the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, the International Registration plan is incorporated by reference as the plan existed on January 1, 2026.

Section 4 – Amends section 60-462.01 - Harmonizes the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act with federal law as it existed on January 1, 2026.

Section 5 – Amends section 60-4,132 - Harmonizes Nebraska law with the federal Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986, the federal Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1999, the federal Uniting and Strengthening America By Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001, the USA Patriot act, and federal regulations as such acts and regulations existed on January 1, 2026.

Section 6 – Amends section 60-501 - Harmonizes the Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act with 49 C.F.R. 571 as it existed on January 1, 2026.

Section 7 – Amends section 60-2705 - Standards for informal dispute settlement procedures shall comply with 16 C.F.R. part 703 as it existed on January 1, 2026.

Section 8 – Amends section 60-2909.01 - Release of motor vehicle records related to commercial driver's licenses or CLP-commercial learner's permits to qualified organizations and individuals must comply with the Commercial Driver License Information system and 49 C.F.R. 383.73 as they existed on January 1, 2026.

Section 9 – Amends section 75-365 - For purposes of sections 75-362 to 75-369.07, when a provision refers to the date described in section 75-365, that date shall be January 1, 2026.

Section 10 – Amends section 75-369.03 - Increases the civil penalties for violations of motor carrier regulations. Subsection (1) amends the maximum dollar value of the civil penalty for certain motor carrier violations from one thousand two dollars to one thousand twenty-eight dollars. Subsection (2) amends the maximum dollar value of the civil penalty for certain motor carrier violations from twenty thousand seventeen dollars to twenty thousand five hundred thirty-seven dollars. Subsection (3) amends the minimum dollar value of the penalty for certain carrier violations from three thousand eight hundred sixty-one dollars to three thousand nine hundred sixty-one dollars for a first violation and from seven thousand seven hundred twenty-three dollars to seven thousand nine hundred twenty-four for subsequent violations. Subsection (4) amends the civil penalty for certain motor carrier violations from not less than six thousand nine hundred seventy-four dollars but not more than thirty-eight thousand six hundred twelve dollars per violation to not less than seven thousand one hundred fifty-five dollars but not more than thirty-nine thousand six hundred fifteen dollars per violation.

Section 11 – Amends section 75-392 - Defines the unified carrier registration plan and agreement authorized pursuant 49 U.S.C. 14504a and the plan and agreement as it existed on January 1, 2026.

Section 12 – Amends section 75-393 - The director may participate in the unified carrier registration plan and agreement authorized pursuant to the Unified Registration Carrier Registration Act of 2005 as it existed on January 1, 2026.



