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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 972**

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1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 18-1736,  
2 37-1278.01, 60-362, 60-376, 60-378, 60-3,164, 60-3,167, 60-479,  
3 60-4,112, 60-4,114, 60-4,114.01, 60-4,118.01, 60-4,121, 60-529,  
4 60-6,340, 60-1402, 60-1411.01, 60-1430.02, 60-1437, 60-1901, and  
5 60-1902, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 60-3,135.01,  
6 60-3,221, 60-462, 60-4,122, 60-1401, 60-1438.01, and 71-4603,  
7 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 28-306,  
8 60-301, 60-302, 60-386, 60-3,100, 60-3,104, 60-3,122.03,  
9 60-3,122.04, 60-3,163.02, 60-6,290, 60-6,356, and 60-1438, Revised  
10 Statutes Supplement, 2025; to adopt the Recreational Vehicle  
11 Industry Regulation Act; to change provisions relating to the use of  
12 designated parking spaces for handicapped or disabled persons; to  
13 change suspension of operator's licenses to revocation of operator's  
14 licenses relating to certain judgments of conviction; to change  
15 provisions relating to bonded certificates of title for motorboats;  
16 to define a term, provide for the collection of certain taxes and  
17 fees, and change and provide provisions relating to In Transits,  
18 transporter license plates, applications for registration, the  
19 display of license plates, and Military Honor Plates under the Motor  
20 Vehicle Registration Act; to end the issuance of special interest  
21 motor vehicle license plates as prescribed; to provide for  
22 additional types of alternate license plates; to recodify provisions

1 relating to military service applicable to certain persons as  
2 applicable to any operator's license; to change and provide  
3 provisions under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act relating  
4 to certain examinations and to the renewal of certain licenses by  
5 qualified licensees; to change provisions relating to proof of  
6 financial responsibility; to change provisions relating to vehicle  
7 length limitations; to change provisions relating to the operation  
8 of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles; to change  
9 provisions of the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Act relating to  
10 fees, recreational vehicles, and the Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry  
11 Licensing Board; to create funds; to provide for grants to members  
12 of the Military Department as prescribed and provide duties to the  
13 Adjutant General; to authorize the Nebraska State Patrol to award  
14 grants as prescribed; to authorize the Department of Health and  
15 Human Services to award grants as prescribed; to eliminate  
16 provisions relating to snowmobile safety certificates; to transfer  
17 provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to  
18 repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section  
19 60-6,341, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

20 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           **Section 1.** Sections 1 to 33 of this act shall be known and may be  
2 cited as the Recreational Vehicle Industry Regulation Act.

3           **Sec. 2.** The Recreational Vehicle Industry Regulation Act shall not  
4 apply to any agreement between dealers and manufacturers that was entered  
5 into prior to the operative date of this section.

6           **Sec. 3.** The Legislature declares that:

7           (1) The public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this  
8 state can be protected by regulating the relationship between dealers and  
9 manufacturers, maintaining competition between dealers and manufacturers,  
10 and providing consumer protection and fair trade for the purchase and  
11 consumer care of recreational vehicles; and

12           (2) The recreational vehicle industry operates differently than the  
13 motor vehicle industry in certain respects and these differences should  
14 be reflected in franchise law to serve the needs of consumers, dealers,  
15 manufacturers, distributors, and warrantors.

16           **Sec. 4.** For purposes of the Recreational Vehicle Industry  
17 Regulation Act:

18           (1) Area of sales responsibility means the geographical area agreed  
19 to by the dealer and the manufacturer in the manufacturer-dealer  
20 agreement, within which the dealer has the exclusive right to display or  
21 sell the manufacturer's new recreational vehicles of a particular line-  
22 make;

23           (2) Board has the same meaning as in section 60-1401.06;

24           (3)(a) Bona fide consumer means an owner of a recreational vehicle  
25 that has:

26           (i) Acquired such recreational vehicle for use in business or for  
27 pleasure purposes;

28           (ii) Been granted a certificate of title for such recreational  
29 vehicle; and

30           (iii) Registered such recreational vehicle in accordance with the  
31 laws of the residence of the owner; and

1       (b) Bona fide consumer does not include any owner that sells more  
2 than eight registered recreational vehicles within a twelve-month period;

3       (4) Consumer care means the performance, for the public, of  
4 necessary maintenance and repairs to recreational vehicles, including  
5 diagnostic work and warranty service;

6       (5) Dealer means any individual or business entity that is licensed  
7 under the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Act to sell new recreational  
8 vehicles;

9       (6) Distributor means any individual or business entity that is  
10 licensed under the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Act to purchase new  
11 recreational vehicles for resale to dealers;

12       (7) Factory campaign means an effort on the part of a warrantor to  
13 contact recreational vehicle owners or dealers in order to address a part  
14 or equipment issue;

15       (8) Family member means a spouse or, whether by blood, marriage, or  
16 adoption, a child, grandchild, parent, sibling, niece, or nephew, or the  
17 spouse of any such person;

18       (9) Licensee means any dealer, distributor, or manufacturer;

19       (10) Line-make means a specific series of recreational vehicles  
20 that:

21       (a) Are targeted to a particular market segment, as determined by  
22 their decor, features, equipment, size, weight, and price range;

23       (b) Have lengths and interior floor plans that distinguish the line-  
24 make from other line-makes with substantially the same decor, equipment,  
25 features, price, and weight; and

26       (c) Belong to a single, distinct classification of recreational  
27 vehicles that have a substantial degree of commonality in the  
28 construction of the chassis, frame, and body;

29       (11) Manufacturer means any individual or business entity that is  
30 licensed under the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Act to engage in the  
31 manufacturing of recreational vehicles;

1       (12) Manufacturer-dealer agreement means a written agreement or  
2 contract entered into between a manufacturer or distributor and a dealer  
3 that specifies the rights and responsibilities of the parties to the  
4 agreement and authorizes the dealer to sell line-makes of new  
5 recreational vehicles that are manufactured by the manufacturer;

6       (13) Model means a series of recreational vehicles that are  
7 identified by a trade name or trademark that is a subset of a line-make;

8       (14) Motor vehicle dealer has the same meaning as in section  
9 60-1401.26;

10       (15) Motorcycle dealer has the same meaning as in section  
11 60-1401.29;

12       (16) New recreational vehicle means any recreational vehicle that is  
13 not included within the definition of a used recreational vehicle;

14       (17) Proprietary part means any part that is manufactured by or for  
15 and sold exclusively by the manufacturer;

16       (18)(a) Recreational vehicle means a vehicle that is either self-  
17 propelled or towed by a consumer-owned tow vehicle and that is designed  
18 to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel  
19 use; and

20       (b) Recreational vehicle includes motor homes, travel trailers,  
21 fifth-wheel travel trailers, truck campers, and folding camping trailers;

22       (19) Termination action means the termination of, cancellation of,  
23 or failure to renew an entire manufacturer-dealer agreement or any  
24 provision relating to any model or line-make in a manufacturer-dealer  
25 agreement;

26       (20) Trailer dealer has the same meaning as in section 60-1401.37;

27       (21) Transient customer means a customer who is temporarily  
28 traveling through a dealer's area of sales responsibility;

29       (22)(a) Used recreational vehicle means every recreational vehicle  
30 that has been sold, bargained, exchanged, or given away or for which  
31 title has been transferred from the person who first acquired it from the

1 manufacturer, distributor, or dealer; and

2 (b) A new recreational vehicle is not considered a used recreational  
3 vehicle until it has been placed in use by a bona fide consumer or until  
4 it has been registered under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act by a bona  
5 fide consumer;

6 (23) Warrantor means any individual or business entity that provides  
7 a warranty in connection with a new recreational vehicle or parts,  
8 accessories, or components for a new recreational vehicle. Such warranty  
9 does not include the following that are sold for separate consideration  
10 by a dealer or other person not controlled by a manufacturer: Any service  
11 contract, mechanical or other insurance, and extended warranty;

12 (24) Warranty part means any part, accessory, or component of a  
13 recreational vehicle that is covered by a warranty that was issued by a  
14 warrantor; and

15 (25) Warranty service means consumer care that is provided under the  
16 terms of or to comply with a warranty.

17 **Sec. 5. (1) The board may:**

18 (a) Regulate the issuance and revocation of licenses in accordance  
19 with and subject to the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Act and the  
20 Recreational Vehicle Industry Regulation Act;

21 (b) Perform all acts and duties provided for in the Recreational  
22 Vehicle Industry Regulation Act that are necessary to the administration  
23 and enforcement of the act;

24 (c) Adopt and promulgate rules and regulations relating to the  
25 administration of but not inconsistent with the Recreational Vehicle  
26 Industry Regulation Act;

27 (d) Enforce rules and regulations that were adopted and promulgated  
28 by the board; and

29 (e) Employ a hearing officer who shall conduct preliminary hearings  
30 on behalf of the board and make recommendations to the board on any issue  
31 or matter that the board deems proper.

1       (2) The seal of the board shall be used to authenticate the acts of  
2 the board. Copies of all records and papers in the office of the board  
3 under the hand and seal of the office shall be received in evidence in  
4 all cases equally and with like effect as the original.

5       (3) Investigators employed by the board may enter upon and inspect  
6 the facilities, the required records, and any recreational vehicles found  
7 in any licensee's established place or places of business.

8       (4) With respect to any action taken by the board, if a controlling  
9 number of the members of the board are active participants in the  
10 recreational vehicle market in which the action is taken, the chairperson  
11 of the board shall review the action taken and, upon completion of such  
12 review, modify, alter, approve, or reject the board's action.

13       **Sec. 6.** (1) A manufacturer or distributor shall not sell a new  
14 recreational vehicle in this state to or through a dealer without having  
15 first entered into a manufacturer-dealer agreement with such dealer. Any  
16 such agreement shall be signed by both parties.

17       (2) This section applies beginning on January 1, 2028.

18       **Sec. 7.** (1) A manufacturer-dealer agreement shall include:

19       (a) A designation of the area of sales responsibility assigned to  
20 the dealer;

21       (b) The timeframe for inspection and refusal to take delivery of a  
22 recreational vehicle by the dealer pursuant to section 29 of this act.  
23 Such timeframe shall not be less than two business days after the  
24 physical delivery of the recreational vehicle;

25       (c) The terms of the manufacturer-dealer agreement; and

26       (d) The duration of the manufacturer-dealer agreement.

27       (2) A manufacturer-dealer agreement shall not:

28       (a) Include any provision that requires a party to violate the  
29 Recreational Vehicle Industry Regulation Act. Any such provision is null  
30 and void;

31       (b) Provide for the sale of a model or line-make that is already

1 authorized to be sold by another dealer in the same area of sales  
2 responsibility; or

3 (c) Be changed during the duration of the manufacturer-dealer  
4 agreement without the written mutual consent of the parties, including  
5 the area of sales responsibility.

6 (3) A manufacturer shall not issue a policy or procedure that  
7 violates or substantially alters a provision of a manufacturer-dealer  
8 agreement during the duration of such agreement without the written  
9 mutual consent of the parties.

10 **Sec. 8.** (1) When a manufacturer distributes new recreational  
11 vehicles to any dealer under the terms of a manufacturer-dealer  
12 agreement, such distribution shall be in a fair and equitable manner.

13 (2) Any such dealer may request information on the manner of  
14 distribution from such manufacturer. Such request shall be made in  
15 writing and delivered to the headquarters of the manufacturer. Upon  
16 receipt of such request, such manufacturer shall provide such information  
17 to the headquarters of the dealer in written form within thirty business  
18 days after receipt of such request.

19 **Sec. 9.** A manufacturer shall provide each dealer with which the  
20 manufacturer has executed a current manufacturer-dealer agreement with  
21 adequate technical data so that the dealer can perform consumer care and  
22 repairs on the recreational vehicles that were manufactured by the  
23 manufacturer and sold by the dealer.

24 **Sec. 10.** (1) A manufacturer or distributor shall not initiate a  
25 termination action, including directly or through any officer, agent, or  
26 employee of such manufacturer or distributor, unless at least one reason  
27 showing that good cause exists for such termination action.

28 (2) A manufacturer or distributor that initiates a termination  
29 action has the burden of showing good cause for such termination action.  
30 For purposes of determining reasons showing that good cause exists for a  
31 manufacturer or distributor to initiate a termination action, any of the

1 following factors may be considered:

2 (a) The extent of the affected dealer's penetration in the relevant  
3 market area for the relevant model or line-make;

4 (b) The nature and extent of the dealer's investment in the dealer's  
5 business;

6 (c) The adequacy of the dealer's service facilities, equipment,  
7 parts, supplies, and personnel;

8 (d) The effect of the termination action on the community;

9 (e) The extent and quality of the dealer's service under  
10 recreational vehicle warranties;

11 (f) The failure to follow agreed-upon, reasonable procedures or  
12 standards related to the overall operation of the dealership consistent  
13 with the law and the manufacturer-dealer agreement;

14 (g) The dealer's performance under the terms of the manufacturer-  
15 dealer agreement;

16 (h) The dealer or one of its owners being convicted of, or entering  
17 a plea of nolo contendere to, a felony;

18 (i) The abandonment or closing of the business operations of the  
19 dealer for ten consecutive business days unless the closing is due to an  
20 act of God, strike, labor difficulty, or other cause over which the  
21 dealer has no control;

22 (j) A significant misrepresentation by the dealer that materially  
23 affects the business relationship between the manufacturer or distributor  
24 and the dealer; and

25 (k) A suspension, revocation, or nonrenewal of the dealer's license  
26 under the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Act to sell recreational  
27 vehicles.

28 **Sec. 11.** (1)(a) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this  
29 section, a manufacturer or distributor shall provide the dealer with a  
30 written notice that states the manufacturer's or distributor's intent to  
31 initiate a termination action.

1       (b) Such written notice shall be delivered to the headquarters of  
2 the dealer at least:

3       (i) One hundred twenty days prior to the intended termination  
4 action; or

5       (ii) Thirty days prior to the intended termination action if the  
6 reasons showing that good cause exists for initiating a termination  
7 action include any reason under subdivisions (2)(h) through (k) of section  
8 10 of this act.

9       (c) Such written notice shall state:

10       (i) Each reason showing that good cause exists for the proposed  
11 termination action;

12       (ii) The date of the proposed termination action; and

13       (iii) That, within thirty days after receiving the notice, the  
14 dealer may provide to the manufacturer or distributor a written notice of  
15 intent to cure each reason stated for the proposed termination action.  
16 Such notice of intent to cure shall be delivered to the headquarters of  
17 the manufacturer or distributor.

18       (2)(a) For a dealer that provides the notice described in  
19 subdivision (1)(c)(iii) of this section, such dealer has ninety days  
20 after such notice was received by the manufacturer or distributor to cure  
21 each reason stated for the proposed termination action.

22       (b) If each reason for the proposed termination action is cured as  
23 specified in subdivision (2)(a) of this section, the manufacturer or  
24 distributor shall not initiate the proposed termination action.

25       (3) For a dealer that does not provide the notice described in  
26 subdivision (1)(c)(iii) of this section, the manufacturer or distributor  
27 may initiate the proposed termination action on the date stated in the  
28 written notice provided by the manufacturer or distributor pursuant to  
29 subsection (1) of this section.

30       (4) A manufacturer or distributor does not need to provide written  
31 notice to a dealer of a proposed termination action if the dealer is

1 experiencing insolvency, the occurrence of an assignment for the benefit  
2 of creditors, or bankruptcy.

3 **Sec. 12.** (1) A dealer may initiate a termination action with a  
4 manufacturer or distributor with or without good cause at any time by  
5 providing a written notice of the termination action to the manufacturer  
6 or distributor. Such written notice shall be delivered to the  
7 headquarters of the manufacturer or distributor at least thirty days  
8 prior to the date of the termination action.

9 (2) A dealer that initiates a termination action for good cause has  
10 the burden of showing good cause for such termination action. For  
11 purposes of determining good cause under this section, any of the  
12 following factors may be considered:

13 (a) The manufacturer or distributor being convicted of, or entering  
14 a plea of nolo contendere to, a felony;

15 (b) The business operations of the manufacturer or distributor being  
16 abandoned or closed for ten consecutive business days, unless the closing  
17 is due to any act of God, strike, labor difficulty, or other cause over  
18 which the manufacturer or distributor has no control;

19 (c) A significant misrepresentation by the manufacturer or  
20 distributor that materially affects the business relationship between the  
21 dealer and the manufacturer or distributor;

22 (d) A material violation of the Recreational Vehicle Industry  
23 Regulation Act by the manufacturer or distributor that is not cured  
24 within thirty days after receipt of the written notice that is provided  
25 by the dealer to the headquarters of the manufacturer or distributor;

26 (e) A declaration by the manufacturer or distributor of bankruptcy,  
27 insolvency, or the occurrence of an assignment for the benefit of  
28 creditors;

29 (f) A material violation of the manufacturer-dealer agreement by the  
30 manufacturer that is not cured within one hundred twenty days after  
31 written notice that is provided by the dealer to the headquarters of the

1 manufacturer;

2 (g) Coercion of the dealer by the manufacturer or distributor; and

3 (h) A violation by the manufacturer or distributor of the area of

4 sales responsibility specified in the manufacturer-dealer agreement or

5 allowing other dealers to violate such area of sales responsibility.

6 **Sec. 13.** (1) This section applies to any termination action that is  
7 initiated when a manufacturer terminates without good cause or a dealer  
8 terminates with good cause and the termination action is:

9 (a) Initiated by a manufacturer or distributor and is not in  
10 accordance with section 11 of this act;

11 (b) Initiated pursuant to subsection (3) of section 11 of this act;  
12 or

13 (c) Initiated pursuant to section 12 of this act.

14 (2) At the election of the dealer and within forty-five days after  
15 the date of the termination action, the manufacturer or distributor shall  
16 repurchase:

17 (a) All new, untitled recreational vehicles that were acquired by  
18 the dealer from the manufacturer or distributor within the eighteen-month  
19 period prior to the date of the termination action. Any such recreational  
20 vehicles shall not have not been used except for demonstration purposes  
21 and shall not have not been altered. Such recreational vehicles shall be  
22 purchased at one hundred percent of the original net invoice cost,  
23 including transportation and less applicable rebates and discounts  
24 provided to the dealer. If any such recreational vehicle that is  
25 repurchased is damaged prior to purchase, the repurchase amount due to  
26 the dealer shall be reduced by the cost to repair such damaged  
27 recreational vehicle;

28 (b) All undamaged accessories and proprietary parts sold to the  
29 dealer by the manufacturer or distributor for resale within the twelve-  
30 month period prior to the date of the termination action. Any such  
31 accessories and proprietary parts shall be accompanied by their original

1 invoice. Such accessories and parts shall be repurchased at one hundred  
2 five percent of the original net invoice price; and

3 (c) Any properly functioning diagnostic equipment, special tools,  
4 current signage, and other equipment and machinery, that (i) was  
5 originally purchased by the dealer within five years before the date of  
6 the termination action, (ii) was originally purchased upon the  
7 manufacturer's or distributor's request, and (iii) can no longer be used  
8 in the normal course of the dealer's ongoing business. The manufacturer  
9 or distributor shall pay to the dealer one hundred percent of the net  
10 cost that the dealer paid to acquire such equipment, tools, signage, and  
11 machinery. The manufacturer or distributor shall reimburse the dealer for  
12 any freight, destination, delivery, and distribution charges and sales  
13 taxes, if any, related to the original purchase and the repurchase of  
14 such equipment, tools, signage, and machinery.

15 (3) Any repurchased recreational vehicle shall be paid for in full  
16 before such recreational vehicle is removed from the dealer's premises.  
17 After payment in full and upon the request of the manufacturer or  
18 distributor, such recreational vehicle shall be immediately surrendered  
19 to the manufacturer or distributor.

20 **Sec. 14.** Notwithstanding any other provision of the Recreational  
21 Vehicle Industry Regulation Act, if any recreational vehicle of a model  
22 or line-make that is the subject of a termination agreement is not  
23 repurchased or required to be repurchased by the manufacturer or  
24 distributor, a dealer may sell the remaining inventory of such model or  
25 line-make or any accessory or part for such model or line-make that such  
26 dealer has in stock.

27 **Sec. 15.** (1) Prior to entering a new manufacturer-dealer agreement  
28 to sell the same line-make, a dealer shall provide written notice to each  
29 manufacturer and distributor with which the dealer has a manufacturer-  
30 dealer agreement.

31 (2) Such written notice shall:

1       (a) Be provided to the headquarters of the manufacturer or  
2 distributor at least thirty days prior to entering the new manufacturer-  
3 dealer agreement;

4       (b) Specify that the dealer will be entering a new manufacturer-  
5 dealer agreement;

6       (c) Specify the line-make that is the subject of the new  
7 manufacturer-dealer agreement; and

8       (d) Specify the length of time that the new manufacturer-dealer  
9 agreement will be effective.

10       **Sec. 16.** A manufacturer-dealer agreement that has been renewed  
11 shall not require additional inventory stocking requirements or increased  
12 retail sales targets in excess of the market growth in the dealer's area  
13 of sales responsibility.

14       **Sec. 17.** (1) A dealer shall provide written notice to each  
15 manufacturer and distributor with which the manufacturer is currently  
16 under a manufacturer-dealer agreement that such dealer intends to change  
17 ownership by any manner, including the sale of assets of the dealer and a  
18 stock transfer. Such written notice shall be provided at least ten  
19 business days before the change of ownership to the headquarters of each  
20 such manufacturer and distributor.

21       (2)(a) Within three business days after receiving a written notice  
22 under this section, a manufacturer or distributor may request the dealer  
23 to provide any supporting documentation that is required by the  
24 manufacturer or distributor to determine if such manufacturer or  
25 distributor will object to the change in ownership.

26       (b) Any such requested supporting documentation shall be provided by  
27 the dealer within three business days after receiving the request for  
28 such supporting documentation.

29       **Sec. 18.** (1) A manufacturer or distributor shall not object to a  
30 change in ownership of a dealer unless:

31       (a) The change in ownership would breach the manufacturer-dealer

1 agreement;

2 (b) The dealer failed to provide any requested supporting  
3 documentation under section 17 of this act;

4 (c) The prospective transferee:

5 (i) Has been terminated for cause in a termination action initiated  
6 by the manufacturer under a previous manufacturer-dealer agreement;

7 (ii) Has been convicted of a felony or any crime of fraud, deceit,  
8 or moral turpitude;

9 (iii) Lacks any license necessary to own and operate the dealership  
10 under the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Act;

11 (iv) Does not have an active line of credit that is sufficient to  
12 purchase the manufacturer's or distributor's products under the  
13 manufacturer-dealer agreement; or

14 (v) Within the ten years prior to the date of receipt of the written  
15 notice provided under section 17 of this act, has undergone bankruptcy,  
16 insolvency, a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the  
17 appointment of a receiver, trustee, or conservator to take possession of  
18 the transferee's business or property; or

19 (d) If the prospective transferee is a family member of the dealer,  
20 such family member intends to do any of the following without the consent  
21 of the manufacturer or distributor:

22 (i) Relocate the dealership to any location; or

23 (ii) Alter the terms or conditions of the manufacturer-dealer  
24 agreement.

25 (2) If the manufacturer or distributor objects to a change of  
26 ownership, the manufacturer or distributor shall provide written notice  
27 of its reasons for the objection to the dealer within seven business days  
28 after receipt of the written notification provided by the dealer under  
29 section 17 of this act. The manufacturer or distributor has the burden of  
30 proof with regard to its objection.

31 (3) If a manufacturer or distributor does not object to the change

1 in ownership pursuant to this section, the change in ownership shall be  
2 deemed approved by such manufacturer or distributor.

3 **Sec. 19.** A warrantor shall:

4 (1) Specify a dealer's obligations, if any, for preparation,  
5 delivery, and consumer care on products that are under warranty by the  
6 warrantor. Any such obligations shall be specified in writing;

7 (2) Compensate a dealer for consumer care that is (a) performed by  
8 such dealer and (b) covered by a warranty issued by the warrantor;

9 (3) Create a schedule of compensation and provide such schedule to  
10 each dealer that is authorized by the warrantor to perform warranty  
11 service; and

12 (4) Whenever the warrantor modifies a schedule of compensation,  
13 provide such updated schedule of compensation to each dealer that is  
14 authorized by the warrantor to perform warranty service.

15 **Sec. 20.** (1) A schedule of compensation that is created or modified  
16 by a warrantor shall include the:

17 (a) Reasonable compensation that will be paid by the warrantor to  
18 the dealer for performing consumer care. Such compensation shall not be  
19 less than the lowest retail labor rate actually charged by the dealer in  
20 the ordinary course of business for like nonwarranty consumer care; and

21 (b) Reasonable time allowances for the performance of consumer care.

22 (2)(a) Any particular consumer care that is performed by a dealer  
23 and that is not included in a schedule of compensation shall be paid by  
24 the warrantor at the actual time expended to complete the consumer care.

25 (b) A warrantor may dispute a payment required by subdivision (a) of  
26 this subsection. A warrantor that disputes any such payment shall:

27 (i) Demonstrate that the actual time claimed by the dealer to  
28 perform the consumer care was not reasonable; and

29 (ii) Pay the dealer a reasonable sum for the performance of the  
30 consumer care.

31 (c) The burden of proof for any dispute under this subsection lies

1 with the warrantor.

2 **Sec. 21.** A dealer that replaces a warranty part shall be paid the  
3 following by the warrantor that issued the warranty for such warranty  
4 part:

5 (1) The actual wholesale cost paid by the dealer for the warranty  
6 part;

7 (2) A handling charge equal to the lesser amount of:

8 (a) Thirty percent of the actual wholesale cost paid by the dealer  
9 for the warranty part. If a part is sent to the dealer at no cost, the  
10 warrantor shall pay to the dealer an amount equal to thirty percent of  
11 the wholesale cost of the part; or

12 (b) Three hundred dollars; and

13 (3) The freight cost to ship to the warrantor the part that was  
14 replaced, if the warrantor requests for such part to be shipped to the  
15 warrantor.

16 **Sec. 22.** A warrantor may ship parts to the dealer so that such  
17 dealer will be able to carry out factory campaign work. If such parts are  
18 in excess of a dealer's requirements, the dealer may return the unused  
19 parts to the warrantor for credit after completion of the factory  
20 campaign.

21 **Sec. 23.** A dealer shall notify the warrantor as soon as reasonably  
22 possible, verbally or in writing, if the dealer is unable or unwilling to  
23 perform material or repetitive consumer care.

24 **Sec. 24.** (1) A warrantor may conduct a warranty audit of any dealer  
25 that requests warranty compensation from the warrantor.

26 (2) A warrantor may conduct such warranty audits for any number of  
27 such dealers, but not more often for each such dealer than three months  
28 since the last warranty audit conducted by such warrantor.

29 **Sec. 25.** (1) A dealer shall submit a warranty compensation claim  
30 within forty-five days after completing consumer care relating to the  
31 compensation claim. Such claim shall be in the manner and form prescribed

1 by the warrantor.

2 (2) A request by a dealer for payment of warranty compensation shall  
3 not be denied except for cause, including performance of nonwarranty  
4 repairs, material noncompliance with the warrantor's published policies  
5 and procedures, lack of material documentation, fraud, and  
6 misrepresentation.

7 (3) A warrantor shall provide written notice to the dealer for any  
8 warranty claim that the warrantor denies. Such written notice shall be  
9 provided to the headquarters of the dealer within forty-five days after  
10 the date of submission for payment of warranty compensation by the  
11 dealer.

12 (4) Any claim that is not denied pursuant to subsection (3) of this  
13 section shall be deemed to be approved and shall be paid within sixty  
14 days after the date of submission for payment of warranty compensation by  
15 the dealer.

16 **Sec. 26.** A warrantor shall not:

17 (1) Fail to perform any of its warranty obligations;

18 (2) Fail to include, in any written notice of a factory campaign  
19 that is provided to any recreational vehicle owner or dealer, the  
20 expected date when necessary parts and equipment, including tires,  
21 chassis, and chassis parts, will be available to dealers to perform  
22 factory campaign work;

23 (3) Fail to compensate a dealer for authorized consumer care that  
24 was completed by the dealer relating to merchandise that was damaged:

25 (a) During the manufacturing process; or

26 (b) During transit to the dealer, if the carrier that provided  
27 transit was designated by the warrantor, factory branch, distributor, or  
28 distributor branch;

29 (4) Fail to compensate a dealer for authorized warranty service in  
30 accordance with the time allowances set forth in the schedule of  
31 compensation, if such warranty service was performed in a timely and

1 competent manner;

2 (5) Intentionally misrepresent in any way to any purchaser of a  
3 recreational vehicle that any warranty with respect to the manufacture,  
4 performance, or design of the recreational vehicle is made by the dealer  
5 as a warrantor or co-warrantor; or

6 (6) Require the dealer to make any warranty to any customer in any  
7 manner related to the manufacture of a recreational vehicle.

8 **Sec. 27.** A dealer shall not:

9 (1) Fail to perform predelivery inspection functions, as specified  
10 by the warrantor, in a competent and timely manner;

11 (2) Fail to perform warranty service that is authorized by a  
12 warrantor in a reasonably competent and timely manner on any transient  
13 customer's recreational vehicle if such recreational vehicle is the same  
14 line-make sold by the dealer. This subdivision does not apply if the  
15 dealer determines that the transient customer is acting in a manner  
16 detrimental to the dealer's business;

17 (3) Fail to track actual time expended to perform warranty service  
18 that is not governed by time allowances in the schedule of compensation;

19 (4) Claim an agency relationship with a warrantor or a manufacturer;  
20 or

21 (5) Misrepresent the terms of any warranty.

22 **Sec. 28.** (1)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (d) of this  
23 subsection, a warrantor shall not fail to indemnify, defend, and hold  
24 harmless a dealer that performed warranty service on behalf of such  
25 warrantor against any loss or damage to the extent such loss or damage  
26 was caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of such warrantor.

27 (b) Except as provided in subdivision (d) of this subsection, such  
28 dealer shall not be denied indemnification by such warrantor or a defense  
29 against such warrantor for failing to discover, disclose, or remedy a  
30 defect in the design or manufacturing of a recreational vehicle.

31 (c) Such dealer shall provide to such warrantor a copy of the

1 complaint in any legal proceeding in which any allegation is made that  
2 relates to warranty service described in this subsection. Such copy shall  
3 be provided to the headquarters of such warrantor within ten calendar  
4 days after such dealer receives such complaint.

5 (d) Subdivisions (a) and (b) of this subsection do not apply for a  
6 legal proceeding if a dealer does not comply with subdivision (c) of this  
7 subsection.

8 (2)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (c) of this subsection, a  
9 dealer shall not fail to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless a warrantor  
10 for which the dealer performed warranty service against any loss or  
11 damage to the extent such loss or damage was caused by the negligence or  
12 willful misconduct of such dealer.

13 (b) Except as provided in subdivision (c) of this subsection, such  
14 warrantor shall provide to such dealer a copy of the complaint in any  
15 legal proceeding in which any allegation is made that relates to warranty  
16 service described in this subsection. Such copy shall be provided to the  
17 headquarters of such dealer within ten calendar days after such warrantor  
18 receives such complaint.

19 (c) Subdivision (a) of this subsection does not apply for a legal  
20 proceeding if a warrantor does not comply with subdivision (b) of this  
21 subsection.

22 (3) Indemnification under this section includes court costs,  
23 reasonable attorney's fees, and expert witness fees.

24 **Sec. 29.** (1) If a new recreational vehicle is damaged prior to  
25 transit to a dealer or is damaged in transit to a dealer and the carrier  
26 or means of transportation was selected by the manufacturer or  
27 distributor, the dealer shall notify the manufacturer or distributor of  
28 the damage within the timeframe specified in the manufacturer-dealer  
29 agreement and:

30 (a) Request authorization from the manufacturer or distributor to  
31 replace or correct any component, part, or accessory that was damaged; or

1           (b) Not take delivery of the recreational vehicle.

2           (2) The ownership of a new recreational vehicle described in  
3 subsection (1) of this section reverts to the manufacturer or distributor  
4 if:

5           (a) A dealer requests authorization under subdivision (1)(a) of this  
6 section and the manufacturer or distributor refuses or fails to make such  
7 authorization within ten business days after receiving the notification  
8 described in subsection (1) of this section; or

9           (b) The dealer does not take delivery of the recreational vehicle.

10           (3) A dealer that takes custody of a recreational vehicle described  
11 in subsection (1) of this section shall exercise due care with such  
12 recreational vehicle, but such dealer shall have no other obligations,  
13 financial or otherwise, with respect to such recreational vehicle.

14           (4)(a) For purposes of this subsection, unreasonable amount of miles  
15 means any amount determined by the dealer that is not less than the sum  
16 of:

17           (i) For recreational vehicles delivered from a manufacturer, one  
18 hundred miles plus the shortest distance over paved roads beginning at  
19 the location where the recreational vehicle was manufactured and ending  
20 at the dealership location; or

21           (ii) For recreational vehicles delivered from a distributor, one  
22 hundred miles plus the shortest distance over paved roads beginning from  
23 the location where the recreational vehicle was manufactured, through the  
24 location of the distributor, and ending at the dealership location.

25           (b) A dealer may choose to not take delivery of any new recreational  
26 vehicle if the odometer for such recreational vehicle indicates an  
27 unreasonable amount of miles. The ownership of such recreational vehicle  
28 shall revert to the manufacturer or distributor.

29           **Sec. 30.** (1) For purposes of this section, coerce includes, but is  
30 not limited to:

31           (a) Threatening to initiate a termination action or not renew a

1 manufacturer-dealer agreement without good cause;

2 (b) Threatening to withhold any product as an inducement to amending  
3 the manufacturer-dealer agreement; and

4 (c) Delaying the delivery of any product as an inducement to  
5 amending the manufacturer-dealer agreement.

6 (2) A manufacturer or distributor shall not coerce or attempt to  
7 coerce any dealer to:

8 (a) Purchase any product that the dealer did not order;

9 (b) Enter into any agreement with the manufacturer or distributor;

10 (c) Take any action that is unfair or unreasonable to the dealer;

11 (d) Enter into any agreement that requires the dealer to submit to  
12 binding arbitration or otherwise waive any right or responsibility  
13 provided under the Recreational Vehicle Industry Regulation Act; or

14 (e) Forego exercising a right authorized by a manufacturer-dealer  
15 agreement or any law governing the manufacturer, distributor, or dealer.

16 (3) The dealer bears the burden of proof regarding any coercive  
17 action by a manufacturer or distributor that is prohibited under this  
18 section.

19 **Sec. 31.** (1)(a) A dealer, manufacturer, distributor, or warrantor  
20 that is injured by a violation of the Recreational Vehicle Industry  
21 Regulation Act may bring a civil action to recover actual damages.

22 (b) Venue for any civil action under this section shall be brought:

23 (i) If only one dealer is a party to the civil action, in the  
24 district court of the county where the dealership is located;

25 (ii) If more than one dealer is a party to the civil action, in the  
26 district court of any county where a dealer that is a party to the action  
27 is located; or

28 (iii) If no party to the civil action is a dealer, in any district  
29 court with relevant jurisdiction.

30 (c) The court shall award attorney's fees and costs to the  
31 prevailing party in such action.

1       (2)(a) Before bringing a civil action under this section, the party  
2 that is bringing the civil action for an alleged violation shall serve a  
3 written demand for mediation upon the offending party.

4       (b) The demand for mediation shall be served upon the offending  
5 party via certified mail at the address:

6       (i) Stated within the manufacturer-dealer agreement between the  
7 parties; or

8       (ii) If there is no manufacturer-dealer agreement between the  
9 parties or if the address described in subdivision (b)(i) of this  
10 subsection does not exist or is no longer valid, the address specified by  
11 the offending party in such party's license application under the Motor  
12 Vehicle Industry Regulation Act.

13       (c) The demand for mediation shall contain a brief statement of the  
14 dispute and the relief sought by the party serving the demand.

15       (d) Within twenty days after the date a demand for mediation is  
16 served upon the offending party, the parties shall mutually select an  
17 independent mediator and meet with the mediator for the purpose of  
18 attempting to resolve the dispute. The meeting place shall be in this  
19 state in a location selected by the mediator. The mediator may extend the  
20 date of the mediation for good cause shown by either party or upon  
21 stipulation of both parties.

22       (e) The service of a demand for mediation under this subsection  
23 stays any statute of limitations or statute of repose for the filing of  
24 any complaint, petition, protest, or action under the Recreational  
25 Vehicle Industry Regulation Act until representatives of all parties have  
26 met with a mutually selected mediator for the purpose of attempting to  
27 mediate the dispute. If a complaint, petition, protest, or action is  
28 filed before such mediation, the court shall enter an order suspending  
29 the proceeding or action until the mediation has occurred and may, upon  
30 written stipulation of all parties to the proceeding or action that the  
31 parties wish to continue to mediate under this subsection, enter an order

1 suspending the proceeding or action until a date that the court considers  
2 appropriate. A suspension order issued under this subdivision may be  
3 revoked by the court.

4 (f) The parties to the mediation shall bear their own costs for  
5 attorney's fees and divide equally the cost of the mediator.

6 **Sec. 32.** (1)(a) A dealer, manufacturer, distributor, or warrantor  
7 may bring a civil action in district court to seek injunctive relief  
8 relating to a violation or a potential violation of the Recreational  
9 Vehicle Industry Regulation Act or a manufacturer-dealer agreement.

10 (b) Venue for any civil action under this section shall be brought:

11 (i) If only one dealer is a party to the civil action, in the  
12 district court of the county where the dealership is located;

13 (ii) If more than one dealer is a party to the civil action, in the  
14 district court of any county where a dealer that is a party to the action  
15 is located; or

16 (iii) If no party to the civil action is a dealer, in any district  
17 court with relevant jurisdiction.

18 (2) After a hearing and if cause has been shown, the court may issue  
19 a temporary or permanent injunction, or both, that restrains any person  
20 from violating the Recreational Vehicle Industry Regulation Act or a  
21 manufacturer-dealer agreement.

22 (3) Such injunction shall be issued without bond.

23 (4) A single act in violation of the Recreational Vehicle Industry  
24 Regulation Act is sufficient to authorize the issuance of an injunction  
25 under this section.

26 **Sec. 33.** (1) The board may suspend or revoke the license of any  
27 licensee under the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Act upon a finding  
28 that any such licensee has violated the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation  
29 Act.

30 (2) The board may impose and collect a civil penalty against any  
31 licensee if the board finds that such licensee has violated the

1 Recreational Vehicle Industry Regulation Act. Such civil penalty shall  
2 not exceed five thousand dollars for each violation of the Recreational  
3 Vehicle Industry Regulation Act. All civil penalties collected by the  
4 board shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for distribution in  
5 accordance with Article VII, section 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska.

6 (3) Any suspension, revocation, or imposition under this section may  
7 be appealed by the licensee. The appeal shall be in accordance with the  
8 Administrative Procedure Act.

9 **Sec. 34.** Section 18-1736, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
10 amended to read:

11 18-1736 (1) A city or village may designate parking spaces,  
12 including access aisles, for the exclusive use of (a) handicapped or  
13 disabled persons whose motor vehicles display the distinguishing license  
14 plates issued to handicapped or disabled persons pursuant to the Motor  
15 Vehicle Registration Act ~~section 60-3,113~~, (b) handicapped or disabled  
16 persons whose motor vehicles display a distinguishing license plate  
17 issued to a handicapped or disabled person by another state, (c) such  
18 other handicapped or disabled persons or temporarily handicapped or  
19 disabled persons whose motor vehicles display a handicapped or disabled  
20 parking permit, and (d) such other motor vehicles which display a  
21 handicapped or disabled parking permit.

22 (2) If a city or village so designates a parking space or access  
23 aisle, it shall be indicated by posting aboveground and immediately  
24 adjacent to and visible from each space or access aisle a sign as  
25 described in section 18-1737. In addition to such sign, the space or  
26 access aisle may also be indicated by blue paint on the curb or edge of  
27 the paved portion of the street adjacent to the space or access aisle.

28 (3) For purposes of sections 18-1736 to 18-1741.07:

29 (a) Access aisle has the same meaning as in section 60-302.01;

30 (b) Handicapped or disabled parking permit has the same meaning as  
31 in section 60-331.01;

1 (c) Handicapped or disabled person has the same meaning as in  
2 section 60-331.02; and

3 (d) Temporarily handicapped or disabled person has the same meaning  
4 as in section 60-352.01.

5 **Sec. 35.** Section 28-306, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
6 amended to read:

7 28-306 (1) A person who causes the death of another unintentionally  
8 while engaged in the operation of a motor vehicle in violation of the law  
9 of the State of Nebraska or in violation of any city or village ordinance  
10 commits motor vehicle homicide.

11 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, motor  
12 vehicle homicide is a Class I misdemeanor.

13 (3)(a) If the proximate cause of the death of another is the  
14 operation of a motor vehicle in violation of section 60-6,213 or  
15 60-6,214, motor vehicle homicide is a Class IIIA felony.

16 (b) If the proximate cause of the death of another is the operation  
17 of a motor vehicle in violation of section 60-6,196 or 60-6,197.06, motor  
18 vehicle homicide is a Class IIA felony.

19 (c) If the proximate cause of the death of another is the operation  
20 of a motor vehicle in violation of section 60-6,196 or 60-6,197.06, motor  
21 vehicle homicide is a Class II felony if the defendant has a prior  
22 conviction for a violation of section 60-6,196 or 60-6,197.06, under a  
23 city or village ordinance enacted in conformance with section 60-6,196,  
24 or under a law of another state if, at the time of the conviction under  
25 the law of such other state, the offense for which the defendant was  
26 convicted would have been a violation of section 60-6,196.

27 (4)(a) For a conviction under subsection (2) or subdivision (3)(a)  
28 of this section, the court may, as part of the judgment of conviction,  
29 order the person not to drive any motor vehicle for any purpose for a  
30 period of up to two years and order that the operator's license of such  
31 person be revoked ~~suspended~~ for the same period.

1 (b) For a conviction under subdivision (3)(b) or (c) of this  
2 section, the court shall, as part of the judgment of conviction, order  
3 the person not to drive any motor vehicle for any purpose for a period of  
4 fifteen years and shall order that the operator's license of such person  
5 be revoked for the same period.

6 (5) An order of the court described in this section shall be  
7 administered upon sentencing, upon final judgment of any appeal or  
8 review, or upon the date that any probation is revoked.

9 (6) The crime punishable under this section shall be treated as a  
10 separate and distinct offense from any other offense arising out of acts  
11 alleged to have been committed while the person was in violation of this  
12 section.

13 **Sec. 36.** Section 37-1278.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
14 is amended to read:

15 37-1278.01 (1) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall issue a bonded  
16 certificate of title to an applicant who:

17 (a) Presents evidence reasonably sufficient to satisfy the  
18 department of the applicant's ownership of the motorboat or security  
19 interest in the motorboat;

20 (b) Pays a fee of fifty dollars for motorboats manufactured on or  
21 after January 1, 1990, and twenty dollars for motorboats manufactured  
22 prior to January 1, 1990; ~~and~~

23 (c) Files a bond in a form prescribed by the department and executed  
24 by the applicant; and -

25 (d) Provides proof that written notice as prescribed in subsection  
26 (6) of this section has been provided to each party with a secured  
27 interest in the motorboat.

28 (2) The bond shall be issued by a surety company authorized to  
29 transact business in this state, in an amount equal to one and one-half  
30 times the value of the motorboat as determined by the department using  
31 reasonable appraisal methods, and conditioned to indemnify any prior

1 owner and secured party, any subsequent purchaser and secured party, and  
2 any successor of the purchaser and secured party for any expense, loss,  
3 or damage, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by reason of  
4 the issuance of the certificate of title to the motorboat or any defect  
5 in or undisclosed security interest upon the right, title, and interest  
6 of the applicant in and to the motorboat. An interested person may have a  
7 cause of action to recover on the bond for a breach of the conditions of  
8 the bond. The aggregate liability of the surety to all persons having a  
9 claim shall not exceed the amount of the bond.

10 (3) At the end of three years after the issuance of the bond, the  
11 holder of the certificate of title may apply to the department on a form  
12 prescribed by the department for the release of the bond and the removal  
13 of the notice required by subsection (4) of this section if no claim has  
14 been made on the bond. The department may release the bond at the end of  
15 three years after the issuance of the bond if all questions as to the  
16 ownership of the motorboat have been answered to the satisfaction of the  
17 department unless the department has been notified of the pendency of an  
18 action to recover on the bond. If the currently valid certificate of  
19 title is surrendered to the department, the department may release the  
20 bond prior to the end of the three-year period.

21 (4) The department shall include the following statement on a bonded  
22 certificate of title issued pursuant to this section and any subsequent  
23 title issued as a result of a title transfer while the bond is in effect:

24 NOTICE: THIS MOTORBOAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO AN UNDISCLOSED INTEREST,  
25 BOND NUMBER .....

26 (5) The department shall recall a bonded certificate of title if the  
27 department finds that the application for the title contained a false  
28 statement or if a check presented by the applicant for fees pursuant to  
29 this section is returned uncollected by a financial institution.

30 (6)(a) Any applicant for a bonded certificate of title shall provide  
31 written notice to any party with a secured interest in the motorboat that

1 is the subject of the application. Such written notice shall be provided  
2 to the last-known address of each such party through certified mail with  
3 return receipt requested and shall include a notice that the security  
4 interest will be discharged if the party fails to respond within thirty  
5 days after receiving the notice. If the lienholder responds, the response  
6 shall be presented to the department along with the written notice and  
7 certified mail receipt.

8 (b) Issuance of a bonded certificate of title shall extinguish any  
9 lien or security interest regarding a motorboat for which the notice in  
10 subdivision (a) of this subsection was provided if the lienholder does  
11 not respond to such notice within thirty days after receiving the notice.

12 (7) (6) The department shall remit fees collected pursuant to this  
13 section to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor  
14 Vehicles Cash Fund.

15 **Sec. 37.** Section 60-301, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
16 amended to read:

17 60-301 Sections 60-301 to 60-3,236 and section 39 of this act shall  
18 be known and may be cited as the Motor Vehicle Registration Act.

19 **Sec. 38.** Section 60-302, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
20 amended to read:

21 60-302 For purposes of the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, unless  
22 the context otherwise requires, the definitions found in sections  
23 60-302.01 to 60-360 and section 39 of this act shall be used.

24 **Sec. 39.** In Transit means a placard or sticker that authorizes a  
25 motor vehicle or trailer that is not registered under the Motor Vehicle  
26 Registration Act to be legally operated on highways.

27 **Sec. 40.** Section 60-362, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
28 amended to read:

29 60-362 (1) Unless otherwise expressly provided, no motor vehicle  
30 shall be operated or parked and no trailer shall be towed or parked on  
31 the highways of this state unless the motor vehicle or trailer is

1 registered in accordance with the Motor Vehicle Registration Act. There  
2 shall be a rebuttable presumption that any motor vehicle or trailer  
3 stored and kept more than thirty days in the state is being operated,  
4 parked, or towed on the highways of this state, and such motor vehicle or  
5 trailer shall be registered in accordance with the act, from the date of  
6 title of the motor vehicle or trailer or, if no transfer in ownership of  
7 the motor vehicle or trailer has occurred, from the expiration of the  
8 last registration period for which the motor vehicle or trailer was  
9 registered. No motor vehicle or trailer shall be eligible for initial  
10 registration in this state, except a motor vehicle or trailer registered  
11 or eligible to be registered as part of a fleet of apportionable vehicles  
12 under section 60-3,198, unless the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act  
13 has been complied with insofar as the motor vehicle or trailer is  
14 concerned.

15 (2) The Department of Motor Vehicles or the Department of Revenue  
16 may make a determination that a resident owner of a motor vehicle or  
17 trailer is avoiding any motor vehicle tax, motor vehicle fee,  
18 registration fee, or sales or use tax. Such determination may be made  
19 based on any of the following factors:

20 (a) The resident owner does not own property in another state where  
21 the motor vehicle or trailer has been registered;

22 (b) The resident owner does not maintain a physical location in  
23 another state where the motor vehicle or trailer has been registered; or

24 (c) The resident owner has not filed a state income tax return in  
25 another state where the motor vehicle or trailer has been registered.

26 (3) The Department of Motor Vehicles or the Department of Revenue  
27 may make a determination that a motor vehicle or trailer has been kept  
28 for more than thirty days in this state and has situs in this state. Such  
29 determination may be made based on any of the following factors:

30 (a) A Nebraska resident was the initial purchaser of the motor  
31 vehicle or trailer;

1       (b) A Nebraska resident operated or stored the motor vehicle or  
2 trailer in this state for any period of time;

3       (c) A Nebraska resident is a member, partner, or shareholder of or  
4 is otherwise affiliated with a limited liability company, partnership,  
5 corporation, or other business entity that is purported to own the motor  
6 vehicle or trailer;

7       (d) A Nebraska resident is covered under an insurance policy for the  
8 motor vehicle or trailer; or

9       (e) Any evidence that the motor vehicle or trailer has been kept for  
10 more than thirty days in this state and has situs in this state.

11       (4) If the Department of Motor Vehicles or the Department of Revenue  
12 makes the determinations described in subsections (2) and (3) of this  
13 section, there is a rebuttable presumption that:

14       (a) The Nebraska resident is the actual owner of the motor vehicle  
15 or trailer;

16       (b) The Nebraska resident is required to register the motor vehicle  
17 or trailer in this state and is liable for all motor vehicle taxes, motor  
18 vehicle fees, and registration fees that are required under the Motor  
19 Vehicle Registration Act; and

20       (c) The purchase of the motor vehicle or trailer is subject to sales  
21 or use tax under section 77-2703.

22       (5) If determinations are made under subsections (2) and (3) of this  
23 section, the Department of Motor Vehicles or the Department of Revenue  
24 shall notify the Nebraska resident who is presumed to be the owner of the  
25 motor vehicle or trailer that such resident is required to register the  
26 motor vehicle or trailer in this state, pay any applicable taxes and fees  
27 for proper registration of the motor vehicle and trailer under the Motor  
28 Vehicle Registration Act, and pay any applicable sales or use tax due on  
29 the purchase under the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 no later than thirty  
30 days after the notice is delivered to such resident.

31       (6) If the Department of Motor Vehicles makes the determinations

1 under subsections (2) and (3) of this section, the Nebraska resident who  
2 is presumed to be the owner of the motor vehicle or trailer may accept  
3 such determinations and pay the taxes and fees provided in the notice, or  
4 he or she may dispute the determinations and appeal the matter. Such  
5 appeal shall be filed with the Director of Motor Vehicles within thirty  
6 days after the notice was delivered to the resident or the determinations  
7 will be final. The director shall appoint a hearing officer who shall  
8 hear the appeal and issue a written decision. Such appeal shall be in  
9 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. Following the final  
10 determination of the appeal in favor of the Department of Motor Vehicles  
11 or if no further appeal is filed, the resident shall owe the taxes and  
12 fees determined to be due, together with any reasonable costs for the  
13 appeal assessed against the owner.

14 (7) If the Department of Revenue makes the determinations under  
15 subsections (2) and (3) of this section, the Nebraska resident who is  
16 presumed to be the owner of the motor vehicle or trailer may appeal the  
17 determination made by the Department of Revenue, and such appeal shall be  
18 in accordance with section 77-2709.

19 (8) If the Nebraska resident who is presumed to be the owner of the  
20 motor vehicle or trailer does not pay the motor vehicle taxes, motor  
21 vehicle fees, registration fees, or sales or use tax required to be paid  
22 under this section, such resident shall be assessed a late fee of fifty  
23 percent of the unpaid taxes and fees. Such late fee shall be remitted to  
24 the State Treasurer for credit to the Highway Trust Fund.

25 (9) In addition to any penalty that is provided under this section,  
26 a violation of this section is subject to the penalty provided under  
27 sections 60-3,164 and 60-3,170.

28 **Sec. 41.** Section 60-376, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
29 amended to read:

30 60-376 (1) Subject to all the provisions of law relating to motor  
31 vehicles and trailers not inconsistent with this section, any motor

1 vehicle dealer or trailer dealer who is regularly engaged within this  
2 state in the business of buying and selling motor vehicles and trailers,  
3 who regularly maintains within this state an established place of  
4 business, and who desires to effect delivery of any motor vehicle or  
5 trailer bought or sold by such dealer ~~him or her~~ from the point where  
6 purchased or sold to points within or outside this state may, solely for  
7 the purpose of such delivery by such dealer ~~himself or herself~~, such  
8 dealer's ~~his or her~~ agent, or a bona fide purchaser, operate such motor  
9 vehicle or tow such trailer on the highways of this state without charge  
10 or registration of such motor vehicle or trailer. ~~A sticker shall be~~  
11 ~~displayed on the front and rear windows or the rear side windows of such~~  
12 ~~motor vehicle, except an autocycle or a motorcycle, and displayed on the~~  
13 ~~front and rear of each such trailer.~~

14 (2) Prior to January 1, 2029, an In Transit shall be displayed as  
15 follows on a motor vehicle described in subsection (1) of this section,  
16 other than an autocycle or a motorcycle:

17 (a)(i) On the front of the motor vehicle or on the front window of  
18 the motor vehicle; and

19 (ii) On the rear of the motor vehicle or on the rear window of the  
20 motor vehicle; or

21 (b) On the rear side windows of the motor vehicle.

22 (3) Beginning on January 1, 2029, an In Transit shall be displayed  
23 on the rear window, a rear side window, or the rear of a motor vehicle  
24 described in subsection (1) of this section.

25 (4) For a trailer described in subsection (1) of this section, an In  
26 Transit shall be displayed on the rear of the trailer.

27 (5)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b) of this subsection, on  
28 ~~On~~ the In Transit sticker shall be plainly printed in black letters the  
29 words "In Transit" ~~In Transit~~.

30 (b) For ~~One In Transit sticker shall be displayed on~~ an autocycle or  
31 a motorcycle, the In Transit ~~which sticker~~ may be one-half the size

1 required for other motor vehicles.

2 ~~(c) An In Transit Such stickers~~ shall include a registration number  
3 ~~that is , which registration number shall be~~ different for each motor  
4 ~~vehicle or trailer for which an In Transit is sticker or pair of stickers~~  
5 ~~issued. The , and the contents of such sticker and the numbering system~~  
6 ~~of the In Transit shall be as prescribed by the department.~~

7 ~~(6) Each dealer issuing an In Transit such stickers~~ shall keep a  
8 record of the registration number of the In Transit ~~each sticker or pair~~  
9 ~~of stickers on the invoice for the of such sale.~~

10 ~~(7)(a) An In Transit Such sticker~~ shall allow the operation of such  
11 ~~owner to operate~~ the motor vehicle or the towing of the tow such trailer  
12 for a period of thirty days in order to effect proper registration of the  
13 new or used motor vehicle or trailer.

14 ~~(b) When any person, firm, or corporation has had a motor vehicle or~~  
15 trailer previously registered and license plates assigned to such person,  
16 firm, or corporation, such ~~owner may operate the motor vehicle~~ may be  
17 operated or tow such trailer may be towed for a period of thirty days in  
18 order to effect the transfer of license plates to the new or used motor  
19 vehicle or trailer.

20 ~~(c) Upon demand of proper authorities, there shall be presented by~~  
21 the person in charge of such motor vehicle or trailer, for examination, a  
22 duly executed bill of sale therefor or other satisfactory evidence of the  
23 right of possession by such person of such motor vehicle or trailer.

24 **Sec. 42.** Section 60-378, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
25 amended to read:

26 60-378 (1) Any transporter that is registered with the Secretary of  
27 State and authorized to transact business ~~doing business~~ in this state  
28 may, in lieu of registering each motor vehicle or trailer which such  
29 transporter is transporting, upon payment of a fee of ten dollars, apply  
30 to the department for a transporter's certificate and one transporter  
31 license plate. Additional pairs of transporter certificates and

1 transporter license plates may be procured for a fee of ten dollars each.

2 (2) Transporter license plates shall be displayed upon:

3 (a) The upon the motor vehicle or trailer being transported; or

4 (b) A upon a properly registered truck or truck-tractor that which  
5 is a work or service vehicle in the process of towing a trailer that  
6 which is itself being delivered by the transporter, and such registered  
7 truck or truck-tractor shall also display a transporter plate upon the  
8 front thereof.

9 (3) The applicant for a transporter license plate shall keep for  
10 three years a record of each motor vehicle or trailer transported by the  
11 applicant him or her under this section. Such and such record shall be  
12 available to the department for inspection.

13 (4) Each applicant shall file with the department proof of his or  
14 her status as a bona fide transporter.

15 (5) (2) Transporter license plates:

16 (a) May may be the same size as license plates issued for  
17 motorcycles other than autocycles;

18 (b) Shall shall bear thereon a mark to distinguish them as  
19 transporter license plates; and

20 (c) Shall shall be serially numbered so as to distinguish them from  
21 each other.

22 (6) Transporter Such license plates shall may only be displayed upon  
23 the;

24 (a) Front front of a driven motor vehicle of a lawful combination;

25 (b) Front or upon the front of a motor vehicle driven singly; or

26 (c) Rear upon the rear of a trailer being towed; or

27 (d) Front of a registered truck or truck-tractor that is described  
28 in subdivision (2)(b) of this section.

29 **Sec. 43.** Section 60-386, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
30 amended to read:

31 60-386 (1) Each new application shall contain, in addition to other

1 information as may be required by the department;

2 (a) The ~~,~~ the name and residential and mailing address of the  
3 applicant;

4 (b)(i) The full legal name as defined in section 60-468.01 of each  
5 owner; or

6 (ii) The name of each owner as such name appears on the owner's  
7 motor vehicle operator's license or state identification card;

8 (c)(i) The motor vehicle operator's license number or state  
9 identification card number of each owner, if applicable, and one or more  
10 of the identification elements as listed in section 60-484 of each owner,  
11 if applicable; and

12 (ii) If any owner is a business entity, a nonprofit organization, an  
13 estate, a trust, or a church-controlled organization, its tax  
14 identification number;

15 (d) A ~~and~~ a description of the motor vehicle or trailer, including  
16 the color, the manufacturer, the identification number, the United States  
17 Department of Transportation number if required by 49 C.F.R. 390.5  
18 through 390.21, as such regulations existed on the date specified in  
19 section 60-201, and the weight of the motor vehicle or trailer required  
20 by the Motor Vehicle Registration Act; and -

21 (e) For trailers that are not required to have a certificate of  
22 title under section 60-137, one of the following documents:

23 (i) If a properly assigned certificate of title indicating a  
24 transfer of ownership exists for such trailer, such certificate of title;

25 (ii) If subdivision (1)(e)(i) of this section does not apply to such  
26 trailer and such trailer was purchased by the applicant within the  
27 thirty-day period that precedes the date of the application, the most  
28 recently issued certificate of registration and bill of sale for such  
29 trailer. A copy of the most recently issued certificate of registration  
30 may be accepted in lieu of the original certificate of registration. If  
31 the most recently issued certificate of registration is not available, a

1 county treasurer's office may verify via the Vehicle Title and  
2 Registration System that the seller of the trailer that was specified on  
3 such bill of sale was the last owner of record;

4 (iii) If subdivisions (1)(e)(i) and (ii) of this section do not  
5 apply to such trailer and such trailer was not previously registered  
6 under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, the bill of sale for such  
7 trailer; or

8 (iv) If subdivisions (1)(e)(i), (ii), and (iii) of this section do  
9 not apply to such trailer:

10 (A) A manufacturer's statement of origin that includes a description  
11 of such trailer and all required ownership details that are adopted and  
12 promulgated in rules and regulations by the department. Such  
13 manufacturer's statement of origin may be issued directly to the  
14 applicant;

15 (B) A valid military registration document for such trailer that was  
16 issued by the United States Government;

17 (C) An SF 97-1 Form, Certificate to Obtain Title, for such trailer  
18 that was issued by the United States Government; or

19 (D) A completed and notarized untitled trailer affidavit that  
20 affirms ownership.

21 (2) For trailers ~~that~~ ~~which~~ are not required to have a certificate  
22 of title under section 60-137 and ~~that~~ ~~which~~ have no identification  
23 number, the assignment of an identification number shall be required and  
24 the identification number shall be issued by the county treasurer or  
25 department.

26 (3) With the application the applicant shall:

27 (a) Pay ~~pay~~ the proper registration fee; and

28 (b) State ~~shall~~ ~~state~~ whether the motor vehicle is propelled by  
29 alternative fuel and, if alternative fuel, the type of fuel.

30 (4) The application shall also contain a notification that bulk fuel  
31 purchasers may be subject to federal excise tax liability. The department

1 shall include such notification in the notices required by section  
2 60-3,186.

3 ~~(2) In addition to the information required under subsection (1) of~~  
4 ~~this section, the application for registration shall contain~~

5 ~~(a)(i) the full legal name as defined in section 60-468.01 of each~~  
6 ~~owner or~~

7 ~~(ii) the name of each owner as such name appears on the owner's~~  
8 ~~motor vehicle operator's license or state identification card and~~

9 ~~(b)(i) the motor vehicle operator's license number or state~~  
10 ~~identification card number of each owner, if applicable, and one or more~~  
11 ~~of the identification elements as listed in section 60-484 of each owner,~~  
12 ~~if applicable, and~~

13 ~~(ii) if any owner is a business entity, a nonprofit organization, an~~  
14 ~~estate, a trust, or a church-controlled organization, its tax~~  
15 ~~identification number.~~

16 **Sec. 44.** Section 60-3,100, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
17 amended to read:

18 60-3,100 (1) The department shall issue to every person whose motor  
19 vehicle or trailer is registered one or two fully reflectorized license  
20 plates upon which shall be displayed (a) the registration number  
21 consisting of letters and numerals assigned to such motor vehicle or  
22 trailer in figures not less than two and one-half inches nor more than  
23 three inches in height and (b) also the word Nebraska suitably lettered  
24 so as to be attractive. The license plates shall be of a color designated  
25 by the director. The color of the plates shall be changed each time the  
26 license plates are changed. Each time the license plates are changed, the  
27 director shall secure competitive bids for materials pursuant to the  
28 State Procurement Act. Autocycle, motorcycle, minitruck, low-speed  
29 vehicle, and trailer license plate letters and numerals may be one-half  
30 the size of those required in this section.

31 (2)(a) This subsection applies on and before December 31, 2028.

1 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, two license  
2 plates shall be issued for every motor vehicle.

3 (c) One license plate shall be issued for (i) apportionable  
4 vehicles, (ii) buses, (iii) dealers, (iv) minitrucks, (v) motorcycles,  
5 other than autocycles, (vi) special interest motor vehicles that use the  
6 special interest motor vehicle license plate authorized by and issued  
7 under section 60-3,135.01, (vii) trailers, and (viii) truck-tractors.

8 (d)(i) One license plate shall be issued, upon request and  
9 compliance with this subdivision, for any passenger car which is not  
10 manufactured to be equipped with a bracket on the front of the vehicle to  
11 display a license plate. A license decal shall be issued with the license  
12 plate as provided in subdivision (ii) of this subdivision and shall be  
13 displayed on the driver's side of the windshield. In order to request a  
14 single license plate and license decal, there shall be an additional  
15 annual nonrefundable registration fee of fifty dollars plus the cost of  
16 the decal paid to the county treasurer at the time of registration. All  
17 fees collected under this subdivision shall be remitted to the State  
18 Treasurer for credit to the Highway Trust Fund.

19 (ii) The department shall design, procure, and furnish to the county  
20 treasurers a license decal which shall be displayed as evidence that a  
21 license plate has been obtained under this subdivision. Each county  
22 treasurer shall furnish a license decal to the person obtaining the  
23 plate.

24 (e)(i) ~~(e)~~ When two license plates are issued, one shall be  
25 prominently displayed at all times on the front and one on the rear of  
26 the registered motor vehicle or trailer.

27 (ii) When only one plate is issued, it shall be prominently  
28 displayed on the rear of the registered motor vehicle or trailer.

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

1 (3)(a) This subsection applies on and after January 1, 2029.

2 (b) One license plate shall be issued for every registered motor  
3 vehicle or trailer.

4 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the license  
5 plate for a registered motor vehicle or trailer shall be prominently  
6 displayed on the rear of the registered motor vehicle or trailer.

7 (d) When a license plate is issued for motor vehicles registered  
8 pursuant to section 60-3,198 and truck-tractors, such license plate shall  
9 be prominently displayed on the front of the apportionable vehicle or  
10 truck-tractor.

11 (4)(a) The director shall designate an implementation date for this  
12 subsection that is on or before January 1, 2029. Beginning on such  
13 implementation date, the department may deliver any license plate or  
14 registration certificate to the applicant or to the county treasurer of  
15 the county in which the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is  
16 registered by United States mail or through an alternative shipping  
17 service. The delivery of such license plate or registration certificate  
18 shall be made through a secure process.

19 (b) If delivery of any license plate or registration certificate is  
20 made by the department to the applicant, the department may charge a  
21 postage and handling fee in an amount not more than necessary to recover  
22 the cost of postage and handling for the specific items mailed to the  
23 applicant. The department shall remit the fee to the State Treasurer for  
24 credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

25 (5) Any person who presents proof of registration shall be permitted  
26 to operate the registered motor vehicle or tow the registered trailer for  
27 a period of thirty days without a mailed license plate displayed.

28 **Sec. 45.** Section 60-3,104, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
29 amended to read:

30 60-3,104 The department shall issue the following types of license  
31 plates:

- 1 (1) Alternate license plates issued pursuant to sections 60-3,163,  
2 60-3,163.01, and 60-3,163.02;
- 3 (2) Amateur radio station license plates issued pursuant to section  
4 60-3,126;
- 5 (3) Apportionable vehicle license plates issued pursuant to section  
6 60-3,203;
- 7 (4) Autocycle license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,100;
- 8 (5) Boat dealer license plates issued pursuant to section 60-379;
- 9 (6) Bus license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,144;
- 10 (7) Commercial motor vehicle license plates issued pursuant to  
11 section 60-3,147;
- 12 (8) Dealer or manufacturer license plates issued pursuant to  
13 sections 60-3,114 and 60-3,115;
- 14 (9) Disabled veteran license plates issued pursuant to section  
15 60-3,124;
- 16 (10) Farm truck license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,146;
- 17 (11) Farm trucks with a gross weight of over sixteen tons license  
18 plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,146;
- 19 (12) Former military vehicle license plates issued pursuant to  
20 section 60-3,236;
- 21 (13) Gold Star Family license plates issued pursuant to sections  
22 60-3,122.01 and 60-3,122.02;
- 23 (14) Handicapped or disabled person license plates issued pursuant  
24 to section 60-3,113;
- 25 (15) Historical vehicle license plates issued pursuant to sections  
26 60-3,130 to 60-3,134;
- 27 (16) Local truck license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,145;
- 28 (17) Metropolitan utilities district license plates issued pursuant  
29 to section 60-3,228;
- 30 (18) Military Honor Plates issued pursuant to sections 60-3,122.03  
31 and 60-3,122.04;

1 (19) Minitruck license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,100;

2 (20) Motor vehicle license plates for motor vehicles owned or  
3 operated by the state, counties, municipalities, or school districts  
4 issued pursuant to section 60-3,105;

5 (21) Motor vehicles exempt pursuant to section 60-3,107;

6 (22) Motorcycle license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,100;

7 (23) Nonresident owner thirty-day license plates issued pursuant to  
8 section 60-382;

9 (24) Organizational license plates issued pursuant to sections  
10 60-3,104.01 and 60-3,104.02;

11 (25) Passenger car having a seating capacity of ten persons or less  
12 and not used for hire issued pursuant to section 60-3,143 other than  
13 autocycles;

14 (26) Passenger car having a seating capacity of ten persons or less  
15 and used for hire issued pursuant to section 60-3,143 other than  
16 autocycles;

17 (27) Pearl Harbor license plates issued pursuant to section  
18 60-3,122;

19 (28) Personal-use dealer license plates issued pursuant to section  
20 60-3,116;

21 (29) Personalized message license plates for motor vehicles,  
22 trailers, and semitrailers, except motor vehicles, trailers, and  
23 semitrailers registered under section 60-3,198, issued pursuant to  
24 sections 60-3,118 to 60-3,121;

25 (30) Prisoner-of-war license plates issued pursuant to section  
26 60-3,123;

27 (31) Public power district license plates issued pursuant to section  
28 60-3,228;

29 (32) Purple Heart license plates issued pursuant to section  
30 60-3,125;

31 (33) Recreational vehicle license plates issued pursuant to section

1 60-3,151;

2 (34) Repossession license plates issued pursuant to section 60-375;

3 (35) Special interest motor vehicle license plates issued pursuant

4 to section 60-3,135.01 for applications for such license plates that were

5 received by the department on or before December 31, 2028;

6 (36) Trailer license plates issued for trailers owned or operated by

7 the state, counties, municipalities, or school districts issued pursuant

8 to section 60-3,106;

9 (37) Trailer license plates issued for trailers owned or operated by

10 a metropolitan utilities district or public power district pursuant to

11 section 60-3,228;

12 (38) Trailer license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,100;

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

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

15 (41) Transporter license plates issued pursuant to section 60-378;

16 (42) Trucks or combinations of trucks, truck-tractors, or trailers

17 that are not for hire and engaged in soil and water conservation work and

18 used for the purpose of transporting pipe and equipment exclusively used

19 by such contractors for soil and water conservation construction license

20 plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,149; and

21 (43) Well-boring apparatus and well-servicing equipment license

22 plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,109.

23 **Sec. 46.** Section 60-3,122.03, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
24 amended to read:

25 60-3,122.03 (1) The department shall design license plates to be  
26 known as Military Honor Plates.

27 (2)(a) The department shall create a design for each of the  
28 following armed forces that honors ~~designs honoring~~ persons who have  
29 served or are serving in the:

30 (i) United States Army;  $\tau$

31 (ii) United States Army Reserve;  $\tau$

- 1        (iii) United States Navy; τ
- 2        (iv) United States Navy Reserve; τ
- 3        (v) United States Marine Corps; τ
- 4        (vi) United States Marine Corps Reserve; τ
- 5        (vii) United States Coast Guard; τ
- 6        (viii) United States Coast Guard Reserve; τ
- 7        (ix) United States Air Force; τ
- 8        (x) United States Air Force Reserve; or τ
- 9        (xi) United States Space Force. τ

10        (b) The department shall create a design for each of the following  
11 armed forces that honors persons who have served or are serving in the:

- 12        (i) Air National Guard; τ or
- 13        (ii) Army National Guard.

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

17        (3) The design for each of the armed forces specified in subsection  
18 (2) of this section shall reflect the ~~There shall be thirteen such~~  
19 ~~designs, one for each of such armed forces reflecting its official~~  
20 ~~emblem, official seal, or other official image of such armed forces.~~ The  
21 issuance of plates for each of such armed forces shall be conditioned on  
22 the approval of the armed forces owning the copyright to the official  
23 emblem, official seal, or other official image.

24        (4) (4)(a) The department shall create six additional designs  
25 honoring persons who are serving or have served in the armed forces of  
26 the United States and who have been awarded the Afghanistan Campaign  
27 Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal,  
28 Southwest Asia Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, or Inherent Resolve  
29 Campaign Medal.

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

1 (5) The department shall create the following additional designs  
2 honoring persons who are serving or have served in the armed forces of  
3 the United States ~~and may begin issuing such license plates on January 1,~~  
4 ~~2026:~~

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

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

8 (6)(a) A person may qualify for a Military Honor Plate by  
9 registering with the Department of Veterans' Affairs pursuant to section  
10 80-414. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall verify the applicant's  
11 eligibility for a plate created pursuant to this section by consulting  
12 the registry established by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

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

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

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

21 (7) The design shall be selected on the basis of limiting the  
22 manufacturing cost of each plate to an amount less than or equal to the  
23 amount charged for license plates pursuant to section 60-3,102. The  
24 Department of Motor Vehicles shall make applications available for each  
25 type of plate when it is designed. The department may adopt and  
26 promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this section and section  
27 60-3,122.04.

28 (8) One type of Military Honor Plates shall be alphanumeric plates.  
29 The department shall:

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

31 (b) Not use a county designation.

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

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

10 **Sec. 47.** Section 60-3,122.04, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
11 amended to read:

12 60-3,122.04 (1)(a) An eligible person may apply to the department  
13 for Military Honor Plates in lieu of regular license plates on an  
14 application prescribed and provided by the department for any motor  
15 vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, except for a motor vehicle or trailer  
16 registered under section 60-3,198. An applicant receiving a Military  
17 Honor Plate for a farm truck with a gross weight of over sixteen tons  
18 shall affix the appropriate tonnage decal to the plate.

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

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

26 (i) Active duty or reserve duty armed forces personnel serving in  
27 any of the armed forces listed in subsection (2) of section 60-3,122.03  
28 or a veteran of any of such armed forces who was discharged or otherwise  
29 separated with a characterization of honorable or general (under  
30 honorable conditions);

31 (ii) A current or former commissioned officer of the United States

1 Public Health Service or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
2 who has been detailed directly to any branch of such armed forces for  
3 service on active or reserve duty and who was discharged or otherwise  
4 separated with a characterization of honorable or general (under  
5 honorable conditions) as proven with valid orders from the United States  
6 Department of Defense, a statement of service provided by the United  
7 States Public Health Service, or a report of transfer or discharge  
8 provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;

9 (iii) A person who is serving or has served in the armed forces of  
10 the United States and who has been awarded the Afghanistan Campaign  
11 Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal,  
12 Southwest Asia Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, or Inherent Resolve  
13 Campaign Medal;

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

17 (v) For the license plate described in subdivision (5)(b) of section  
18 60-3,122.03, a person who is serving or has served in the armed forces of  
19 the United States and is permanently handicapped or disabled; or

20 (vi) ~~A Beginning January 1, 2026,~~ a trust that owns the motor  
21 vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer if a designated beneficiary of the trust  
22 qualifies under this subdivision (1)(c).

23 (d) Any person using Military Honor Plates shall surrender the  
24 plates to the county treasurer if such person is no longer eligible for  
25 the plates. Regular plates shall be issued to any such person upon  
26 surrender of the Military Honor Plates for a three-dollar transfer fee  
27 and forfeiture of any of the remaining annual fee. The three-dollar  
28 transfer fee shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the  
29 Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

30 (2)(a) In addition to all other fees required for registration under  
31 the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, each application for initial issuance

1 or renewal of alphanumeric Military Honor Plates shall be accompanied by  
2 a fee of five dollars. County treasurers collecting such fee fees  
3 pursuant to this subdivision shall remit such fee ~~them~~ to the State  
4 Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit such fee to the designated  
5 recipient specified in subdivision (c) of this subsection. ~~five dollars~~  
6 ~~of the fee to the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund.~~

7 (b) In addition to all other fees required for registration under  
8 the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, each application for initial issuance  
9 or renewal of personalized message Military Honor Plates shall be  
10 accompanied by a fee of forty dollars. County treasurers collecting such  
11 fee fees pursuant to this subdivision shall remit such fee ~~them~~ to the  
12 State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit twenty-five percent of  
13 such the fee for ~~initial issuance and renewal of such plates~~ to the  
14 Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and seventy-five percent of such  
15 ~~the fee~~ to the designated recipient specified in subdivision (c) of this  
16 subsection. ~~Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund.~~

17 (c) The designated recipient for the fee paid for any license plate  
18 described in:

19 (i) Subdivision (2)(a) or subsection (4) or (5) of section  
20 60-3,122.03 is the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund; or

21 (ii) Subdivision (2)(b) of section 60-3,122.03 is (A) prior to  
22 January 1, 2027, the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund and  
23 (B) beginning on January 1, 2027, the Military Department Aid Fund.

24 (3)(a) When the department receives an application for Military  
25 Honor Plates, the department may deliver the plates and registration  
26 certificate to the applicant by United States mail or to the county  
27 treasurer of the county in which the motor vehicle or trailer is  
28 registered and the delivery of the plates and registration certificate  
29 shall be made through a secure process and system. If delivery of the  
30 plates and registration certificate is made by the department to the  
31 applicant, the department may charge a postage and handling fee in an

1 amount not more than necessary to recover the cost of postage and  
2 handling for the specific items mailed to the registrant. The department  
3 shall remit the fee to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department  
4 of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund. The county treasurer or the department shall  
5 issue Military Honor Plates in lieu of regular license plates when the  
6 applicant complies with the other provisions of the Motor Vehicle  
7 Registration Act for registration of the motor vehicle or trailer. If  
8 Military Honor Plates are lost, stolen, or mutilated, the licensee shall  
9 be issued replacement license plates upon request pursuant to section  
10 60-3,157.

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

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

1 (5) If the cost of manufacturing Military Honor Plates at any time  
2 exceeds the amount charged for license plates pursuant to section  
3 60-3,102, any money to be credited to the designated recipient specified  
4 in subdivision (2)(c) of this section Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System  
5 Operation Fund shall instead be credited first to the Highway Trust Fund  
6 in an amount equal to the difference between the manufacturing costs of  
7 Military Honor Plates and the amount charged pursuant to section 60-3,102  
8 with respect to such plates and the remainder shall be credited to the  
9 designated recipient specified in subdivision (2)(c) of this section  
10 Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund.

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

16 **Sec. 48.** Section 60-3,135.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
17 Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

18 60-3,135.01 (1)(a) ~~(1)~~ The department shall either modify an  
19 existing plate design or design license plates to identify special  
20 interest motor vehicles, to be known as special interest motor vehicle  
21 license plates. The department, in designing such special interest motor  
22 vehicle license plates, shall include the words special interest and  
23 limit the manufacturing cost of each plate to an amount less than or  
24 equal to the amount charged for license plates pursuant to section  
25 60-3,102. The department shall choose the design of the plate.

26 (b) The department shall make applications available for this type  
27 of plate until December 31, 2028 ~~when it is designed~~.

28 (c) The department shall not accept applications for special  
29 interest motor vehicle license plates on or after January 1, 2029.

30 (d) Special interest motor vehicle license plates shall not be  
31 renewed after December 31, 2028.

1 (2) One type of special interest motor vehicle license plate shall  
2 be alphanumeric plates. The department shall:

3 (a) Assign a designation up to seven characters; and

4 (b) Not use a county designation.

5 (3) One type of special interest motor vehicle license plate shall  
6 be personalized message plates. Such plates shall be issued subject to  
7 the same conditions specified for personalized message license plates in  
8 section 60-3,118.

9 (4) A person may apply to the department for a special interest  
10 motor vehicle license plate in lieu of regular license plates on an  
11 application prescribed and provided by the department for any special  
12 interest motor vehicle, except that no motor vehicle registered under  
13 section 60-3,198, autocycle, motorcycle, or trailer shall be eligible for  
14 special interest motor vehicle license plates. The department shall make  
15 forms available for such applications through the county treasurers.

16 (5) The form shall contain a description of the special interest  
17 motor vehicle owned and sought to be registered, including the make, body  
18 type, model, serial number, and year of manufacture.

19 (6)(a) In addition to all other fees required to register a motor  
20 vehicle, each application for initial issuance or renewal of a special  
21 interest motor vehicle license plate shall be accompanied by a special  
22 interest motor vehicle license plate fee of fifty dollars. Twenty-five  
23 dollars of the special interest motor vehicle license plate fee shall be  
24 remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor  
25 Vehicles Cash Fund, and twenty-five dollars of the special interest motor  
26 vehicle license plate fee shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for  
27 credit to the Highway Trust Fund.

28 (b) Prior to January 1, 2029, if ~~If~~ a special interest motor vehicle  
29 license plate is lost, stolen, or mutilated, the owner shall be issued a  
30 replacement license plate pursuant to section 60-3,157.

31 (7) When the department receives an application for a special

1 interest motor vehicle license plate, the department may deliver the  
2 plate and registration certificate to the applicant by United States mail  
3 or to the county treasurer of the county in which the special interest  
4 motor vehicle is registered and the delivery of the plate and  
5 registration certificate shall be made through a secure process and  
6 system. If delivery of the plates and registration certificate is made by  
7 the department to the applicant, the department may charge a postage and  
8 handling fee in an amount not more than necessary to recover the cost of  
9 postage and handling for the specific items mailed to the registrant. The  
10 department shall remit the fee to the State Treasurer for credit to the  
11 Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund. The county treasurer or the  
12 department shall issue the special interest motor vehicle license plate  
13 in lieu of regular license plates when the applicant complies with the  
14 other provisions of the Motor Vehicle Registration Act for registration  
15 of the special interest motor vehicle.

16 (8) If the cost of manufacturing special interest motor vehicle  
17 license plates at any time exceeds the amount charged for license plates  
18 pursuant to section 60-3,102, any money to be credited to the Department  
19 of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund under this section shall instead be credited  
20 first to the Highway Trust Fund in an amount equal to the difference  
21 between the manufacturing costs of special interest motor vehicle license  
22 plates and the amount charged pursuant to section 60-3,102 with respect  
23 to such license plates and the remainder shall be credited to the  
24 Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

25 (9) The special interest motor vehicle license plate shall be  
26 affixed to the rear of the special interest motor vehicle.

27 (10) A special interest motor vehicle shall not be used for the same  
28 purposes and under the same conditions as other motor vehicles of the  
29 same type and shall not be used for business or occupation or regularly  
30 for transportation to and from work. A special interest motor vehicle may  
31 be driven on the public streets and roads only for occasional

1 transportation, public displays, parades, and related pleasure or hobby  
2 activities.

3 (11) It shall be unlawful to own or operate a motor vehicle with  
4 special interest motor vehicle license plates in violation of this  
5 section. Upon conviction of a violation of any provision of this section,  
6 a person shall be guilty of a Class V misdemeanor.

7 (12) For purposes of this section, special interest motor vehicle  
8 means a motor vehicle of any age which is being collected, preserved,  
9 restored, or maintained by the owner as a leisure pursuit and not used  
10 for general transportation of persons or cargo.

11 **Sec. 49.** Section 60-3,163.02, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
12 amended to read:

13 60-3,163.02 The department shall issue the following types of  
14 alternate license plates pursuant to this section and sections 60-3,104,  
15 60-3,163, and 60-3,163.01:

16 (1) Arbor Day Plates. The department shall design such license  
17 plates in consultation with the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum and a  
18 nonprofit organization holding a certificate of exemption under section  
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) Back the Blue License Plates. The department shall design such  
26 license plates in consultation with associations that represent personnel  
27 of any law enforcement agency in Nebraska. The design of such license  
28 plates shall represent support for law enforcement personnel. The  
29 designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for Back the Blue  
30 License Plates is the Back the Blue Cash Fund. A person may apply for  
31 Back the Blue License Plates beginning on January 1, 2027;

1       (3) Blackout License Plates. The department shall design such  
2 license plates so that (a) a solid black background covers the entire  
3 front of the license plates and (b) the license plate designations use  
4 white characters. Each application for initial issuance or renewal or  
5 alphanumeric or personalized message Blackout License Plates shall be  
6 accompanied by a fee of one hundred dollars. The designated recipient for  
7 alternate license plate fees for Blackout License Plates is the  
8 Developmental Disabilities Provider Capital and Equipment Maintenance  
9 Cash Fund. Fees collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be remitted  
10 to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit thirty percent  
11 of such fees to the designated recipient for alternate license plate fees  
12 and seventy percent of such fees to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash  
13 Fund. A person may apply for Blackout License Plates beginning on January  
14 1, 2027;

15       (4) ~~(2)~~ Breast Cancer Awareness Plates. The department shall design  
16 such license plates to include a pink ribbon and the words "early  
17 detection saves lives" along the bottom of the license plate. The  
18 designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for Breast Cancer  
19 Awareness Plates is the University of Nebraska Medical Center for the  
20 breast cancer navigator program;

21       (5) Choice Color Plates. The department shall design two of such  
22 license plates so that (a) a single solid-color background covers the  
23 entire front of the license plates and (b) the license plate designations  
24 use white characters. The options for single solid-color backgrounds  
25 shall be green and blue. Each application for initial issuance or renewal  
26 of alphanumeric Choice Color Plates shall be accompanied by a fee of  
27 seventy dollars. Each application for initial issuance or renewal of  
28 personalized message Choice Color Plates shall be accompanied by a fee of  
29 one hundred dollars. The designated recipient for alternate license plate  
30 fees for Choice Color Plates is the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash  
31 Fund. Fees collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be remitted to

1 the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit one hundred percent  
2 of such fees to the designated recipient for alternate license plate  
3 fees. A person may apply for Choice Color Plates beginning on January 1,  
4 2027;

5 ~~(6)~~ (3) Choose Life License Plates. The department shall design such  
6 license plates to reflect support for the protection of Nebraska's  
7 children. The designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for  
8 Choose Life License Plates is the Health and Human Services Cash Fund to  
9 supplement federal funds available to the Department of Health and Human  
10 Services for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, 42  
11 U.S.C. 601 et seq.;

12 ~~(7)~~ (4) Czech Heritage Plates. The department, in consultation with  
13 the Czech Honorary Consul of Nebraska, shall design such license plates  
14 to reflect Czech heritage in Nebraska. The designated recipient for  
15 alternate license plate fees for Czech Heritage Plates is the Department  
16 of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund;

17 ~~(8)~~ (5) Donate Life Plates. The department shall design such license  
18 plates to reflect support for organ and tissue donation, registration as  
19 a donor on the Donor Registry of Nebraska, and the federally designated  
20 organ procurement organization for Nebraska. The designated recipient for  
21 alternate license plate fees for Donate Life Plates is the Organ and  
22 Tissue Donor Awareness and Education Fund;

23 ~~(9)~~ (6) Down Syndrome Awareness Plates. The department shall design  
24 such license plates to include the words "Down syndrome awareness" inside  
25 a heart-shaped yellow and blue ribbon. The designated recipient for  
26 alternate license plate fees for Down Syndrome Awareness Plates is the  
27 University of Nebraska Medical Center for the Down Syndrome Clinic;

28 ~~(10)~~ Honoring Women Veterans. The department shall design such  
29 license plates, in consultation with a nongovernment organization that  
30 provides support to veterans, to depict a woman soldier and to include  
31 the words "women veterans" along the top of the license plates and

1 "honoring her service" along the bottom of the license plates. The  
2 designated recipient for Honoring Women Veterans license plates is the  
3 Women Veterans Cash Fund. A person may apply for Honoring Women Veterans  
4 license plates beginning on January 1, 2027;

5 ~~(11)~~ (7) Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water Plates. The department  
6 shall design such license plates to include a blue background with the  
7 head of an otter surfacing above water surrounded by the words "Josh the  
8 Otter-Be Safe Around Water". The designated recipient for alternate  
9 license plate fees for Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water Plates is the  
10 Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water Cash Fund;

11 ~~(12)~~ (8) Mountain Lion Conservation Plates. The department shall  
12 design such license plates to reflect support for the conservation of the  
13 mountain lion population. The designated recipient for alternate license  
14 plate fees for Mountain Lion Conservation Plates is the Game and Parks  
15 Commission Educational Fund;

16 ~~(13)~~ (9) Native American Cultural Awareness and History Plates. The  
17 department, in consultation with the Commission on Indian Affairs, shall  
18 design license plates that reflect the unique culture and history of  
19 Native American tribes historically and currently located in Nebraska.  
20 The designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for Native  
21 American Cultural Awareness and History Plates is the Native American  
22 Scholarship and Leadership Fund;

23 ~~(14)(a)~~ (10)(a) Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates. The department  
24 shall design such license plates to (i) include the word "Cornhuskers" or  
25 "Huskers" prominently in the design, (ii) use scarlet and cream colors in  
26 the design or such other similar colors as the department determines to  
27 best represent the official team colors of the University of Nebraska  
28 Cornhuskers athletic programs and to provide suitable reflection and  
29 contrast, (iii) use cream or a similar color for the background of the  
30 design and scarlet or a similar color for the printing, and (iv) create a  
31 design reflecting support for the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers

1 athletic programs in consultation with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
2 Athletic Department.

3 (b) Alphanumeric Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates shall (i) be  
4 consecutively numbered beginning with the number one and use numbers that  
5 are a size that maximizes legibility, and (ii) not use a county  
6 designation or any characters other than numbers on the spirit plates.

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

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

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

21 (15) ~~(11)~~ Nebraska History Plates. The department shall design such  
22 license plates in consultation with the Nebraska State Historical Society  
23 to reflect the importance of historical preservation in Nebraska and the  
24 value of our shared Nebraska history. The designated recipient for  
25 alternate license plate fees for Nebraska History Plates is the Support  
26 Nebraska History Cash Fund;

27 (16) ~~(12)~~ Pets for Vets Plates. The department shall design such  
28 license plates to support veterans and companion or therapy pet animals.  
29 The designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for Pets for  
30 Vets Plates is the Pets for Vets Cash Fund;

31 (17) ~~(13)~~ Prostate Cancer Awareness Plates. The department shall

1 design such license plates to include a light blue ribbon and the words  
2 "early detection saves lives" along the bottom of the license plate. The  
3 designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for Prostate Cancer  
4 Awareness Plates is the University of Nebraska Medical Center for the  
5 Nebraska Prostate Cancer Research Program;

6 ~~(14)~~ (18) Sammy's Superheroes license plates for childhood cancer  
7 awareness. The department shall design such license plates to include a  
8 blue handprint over a yellow ribbon and the words "childhood cancer  
9 awareness". The designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for  
10 Sammy's Superheroes license plates for childhood cancer awareness is the  
11 University of Nebraska Medical Center for pediatric cancer research;

12 (19) Scarlet and Cream License Plates. The department shall design  
13 such license plates so that (a) a scarlet-colored background covers the  
14 entire front of the license plates and (b) the license plate designations  
15 use cream-colored characters. Each application for initial issuance or  
16 renewal of alphanumeric Scarlet and Cream License Plates shall be  
17 accompanied by a fee of seventy dollars. Each application for initial  
18 issuance or renewal of personalized message Scarlet and Cream License  
19 Plates shall be accompanied by a fee of one hundred dollars. The  
20 designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for Scarlet and  
21 Cream License Plates is the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund. All  
22 fees collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be remitted to the  
23 State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.  
24 A person may apply for Scarlet and Cream License Plates beginning on  
25 January 1, 2027;

26 ~~(15)~~ (20) Support the Arts Plates. The department shall design such  
27 license plates in consultation with the Nebraska Arts Council to reflect  
28 support for the arts in Nebraska. The designated recipient for alternate  
29 license plate fees for Support the Arts Plates is the Support the Arts  
30 Cash Fund;

31 ~~(16)(a)~~ (21)(a) Support Our Troops Plates. The department shall

1 design such license plates to reflect support for troops from all  
2 branches of the armed forces. The designated recipient for alternate  
3 license plate fees for Support Our Troops Plates is the Veterans  
4 Employment Program Fund.

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

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

16 (22) ~~(17)~~ The Good Life Is Outside Plates. The department shall  
17 design such license plates to reflect the importance of safe walking and  
18 biking in Nebraska and the value of our recreational trails. The  
19 designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for The Good Life  
20 Is Outside Plates is the Game and Parks State Park Improvement and  
21 Maintenance Fund for the purpose of trail improvement and maintenance;  
22 and

23 (23) University of Nebraska State Museum License Plates. The  
24 department shall create no more than three designs for such license  
25 plates in consultation with the University of Nebraska and a nonprofit  
26 organization holding a certificate of exemption under section 501(c)(3)  
27 of the Internal Revenue Code with a mission to support the University of  
28 Nebraska in education and research. Such designs shall reflect support  
29 for museums managed by the University of Nebraska, including Ashfall  
30 Fossil Beds, Morrill Hall, and Trailside Museum. The designated recipient  
31 for alternate license plate fees for University of Nebraska State Museum

1 License Plates is the University of Nebraska State Museum License Plate  
2 Cash Fund. A person may apply for University of Nebraska State Museum  
3 License Plates beginning on January 1, 2027; and

4 (24) ~~(18)~~ Wildlife Conservation Plates. The department shall create  
5 no more than three designs for such license plates to reflect support for  
6 the conservation of Nebraska wildlife, including sandhill cranes, bighorn  
7 sheep, and ornate box turtles. The designated recipient for alternate  
8 license plate fees for Wildlife Conservation Plates is the Wildlife  
9 Conservation Fund.

10 **Sec. 50.** Section 60-3,164, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
11 amended to read:

12 60-3,164 (1) Any person who operates or parks a motor vehicle or who  
13 tows or parks a trailer on any highway, which motor vehicle or trailer  
14 has not been registered as required by section 60-362, shall be subject  
15 to the penalty provided in sections 60-362 and section 60-3,170.

16 (2) A person who parks a motor vehicle or tows a trailer on any  
17 highway, which motor vehicle or trailer has been properly registered in  
18 this state but such registration has expired, shall not be in violation  
19 of this section or section 60-362 or subject to the penalty provided in  
20 sections 60-362 and section 60-3,170, unless thirty days have passed from  
21 the expiration of the prior registration.

22 **Sec. 51.** Section 60-3,167, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
23 amended to read:

24 60-3,167 (1) It shall be unlawful for any owner of a motor vehicle  
25 or trailer that ~~which~~ is being operated or towed with an In Transit  
26 ~~stickers~~ pursuant to section 60-376, which is being operated or towed  
27 pursuant to section 60-365 or 60-369, or which is required to be  
28 registered in this state and that ~~which~~ is operated or towed on a public  
29 highway of this state to allow the operation or towing of the motor  
30 vehicle or trailer on a public highway of this state without having a  
31 current and effective automobile liability policy, evidence of insurance,

1 or proof of financial responsibility. The owner shall be presumed to know  
2 of the operation or towing of his or her motor vehicle or trailer on a  
3 highway of this state in violation of this section when the motor vehicle  
4 or trailer is being operated or towed by a person other than the owner.  
5 An owner of a motor vehicle or trailer who operates or tows the motor  
6 vehicle or trailer or allows the operation or towing of the motor vehicle  
7 or trailer in violation of this section shall be guilty of a Class II  
8 misdemeanor and shall be advised by the court that his or her motor  
9 vehicle operator's license, motor vehicle certificate of registration,  
10 and license plates will be suspended by the department until he or she  
11 complies with sections 60-505.02 and 60-528. Upon conviction the owner  
12 shall have his or her motor vehicle operator's license, motor vehicle  
13 certificate of registration, and license plates suspended by the  
14 department until he or she complies with sections 60-505.02 and 60-528.  
15 The owner shall also be required to comply with section 60-528 for a  
16 continuous period of three years after the violation. This subsection  
17 shall not apply to motor vehicles or trailers registered in another  
18 state.

19 (2) An owner who is unable to produce a current and effective  
20 automobile liability policy, evidence of insurance, or proof of financial  
21 responsibility upon the request of a law enforcement officer shall be  
22 allowed ten days after the date of the request to produce proof to the  
23 appropriate prosecutor or county attorney that a current and effective  
24 automobile liability policy or proof of financial responsibility was in  
25 existence for the motor vehicle or trailer at the time of such request.  
26 Upon presentation of such proof, the citation shall be dismissed by the  
27 prosecutor or county attorney without cost to the owner and no  
28 prosecution for the offense cited shall occur.

29 (3) The department shall, for any person convicted for a violation  
30 of this section, reinstate such person's operator's license, motor  
31 vehicle certificate of registration, and license plates and rescind any

1 order requiring such person to comply with section 60-528 without cost to  
2 such person upon presentation to the director that, at the time such  
3 person was cited for a violation of this section, a current and effective  
4 automobile liability policy or proof of financial responsibility was in  
5 existence for the motor vehicle or trailer at the time the citation was  
6 issued.

7 **Sec. 52.** Section 60-3,221, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
8 2024, is amended to read:

9 60-3,221 (1) Except as otherwise provided in the Motor Vehicle  
10 Registration Act:

11 (a) A cabin trailer shall only be towed by a properly registered:

12 (i) Passenger car;

13 (ii) Commercial motor vehicle or apportionable vehicle;

14 (iii) Farm truck;

15 (iv) Local truck;

16 (v) Minitruck;

17 (vi) Recreational vehicle;

18 (vii) Bus; or

19 (viii) Former military vehicle;

20 (b) A utility trailer shall only be towed by:

21 (i) A properly registered passenger car;

22 (ii) A properly registered commercial motor vehicle or apportionable  
23 vehicle;

24 (iii) A properly registered farm truck;

25 (iv) A properly registered local truck;

26 (v) A properly registered minitruck;

27 (vi) A properly registered recreational vehicle;

28 (vii) A properly registered motor vehicle which is engaged in soil  
29 and water conservation pursuant to section 60-3,149;

30 (viii) A properly registered well-boring apparatus;

31 (ix) A dealer-plated vehicle;

- 1 (x) A personal-use dealer-plated vehicle;
- 2 (xi) A properly registered bus;
- 3 (xii) A properly registered public power district motor vehicle or,
- 4 beginning January 1, 2023, a properly registered metropolitan utilities
- 5 district motor vehicle; or
- 6 (xiii) A properly registered former military vehicle;
- 7 (c) A farm trailer shall only be towed by a properly registered:
- 8 (i) Passenger car;
- 9 (ii) Commercial motor vehicle;
- 10 (iii) Farm truck;
- 11 (iv) Minitruck; or
- 12 (v) Former military vehicle;
- 13 (d) A commercial trailer shall only be towed by:
- 14 (i) A properly registered motor vehicle which is engaged in soil and
- 15 water conservation pursuant to section 60-3,149;
- 16 (ii) A properly registered local truck;
- 17 (iii) A properly registered well-boring apparatus;
- 18 (iv) A properly registered commercial motor vehicle or apportionable
- 19 vehicle;
- 20 (v) A dealer-plated vehicle;
- 21 (vi) A personal-use dealer-plated vehicle;
- 22 (vii) A properly registered bus;
- 23 (viii) A properly registered farm truck; or
- 24 (ix) A properly registered public power district motor vehicle or,
- 25 beginning January 1, 2023, a properly registered metropolitan utilities
- 26 district motor vehicle;
- 27 (e) A fertilizer trailer shall only be towed by a properly
- 28 registered:
- 29 (i) Passenger car;
- 30 (ii) Commercial motor vehicle or apportionable vehicle;
- 31 (iii) Farm truck; or

1 (iv) Local truck;

2 (f) A pole and cable reel trailer shall only be towed by a properly  
3 registered:

4 (i) Commercial motor vehicle or apportionable vehicle;

5 (ii) Local truck; or

6 (iii) Public power district motor vehicle or, beginning January 1,  
7 2023, metropolitan utilities district motor vehicle;

8 (g) A dealer-plated trailer shall only be towed by:

9 (i) A dealer-plated vehicle;

10 (ii) A properly registered passenger car;

11 (iii) A properly registered commercial motor vehicle or  
12 apportionable vehicle;

13 (iv) A properly registered farm truck;

14 (v) A properly registered minitruck;

15 (vi) A personal-use dealer-plated vehicle; or

16 (vii) A properly registered former military vehicle;

17 (h) Trailers registered pursuant to section 60-3,198 as part of an  
18 apportioned fleet shall only be towed by:

19 (i) A properly registered motor vehicle which is engaged in soil and  
20 water conservation pursuant to section 60-3,149;

21 (ii) A properly registered local truck;

22 (iii) A properly registered well-boring apparatus;

23 (iv) A properly registered commercial motor vehicle or apportionable  
24 vehicle;

25 (v) A dealer-plated vehicle;

26 (vi) A personal-use dealer-plated vehicle;

27 (vii) A properly registered bus; or

28 (viii) A properly registered farm truck; and

29 (i) A trailer registered as a historical vehicle pursuant to  
30 sections 60-3,130 to 60-3,134 shall only be towed by:

31 (i) A motor vehicle properly registered as a historical vehicle

1 pursuant to sections 60-3,130 to 60-3,134;

2 (ii) A properly registered passenger car;

3 (iii) A properly registered commercial motor vehicle or  
4 apportionable vehicle; or

5 (iv) A properly registered local truck.

6 (2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to waive compliance  
7 with the Nebraska Rules of the Road or Chapter 75.

8 (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit any motor  
9 vehicle or trailer from displaying dealer license plates or an In Transit  
10 ~~stickers~~ authorized by section 60-376.

11 **Sec. 53.** Section 60-462, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
12 2024, is amended to read:

13 60-462 Sections 60-462 to 60-4,189 and sections 55 and 57 to 59 of  
14 this act shall be known and may be cited as the Motor Vehicle Operator's  
15 License Act.

16 **Sec. 54.** Section 60-479, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
17 amended to read:

18 60-479 Sections 60-479.01 to ~~60-4,111.01, 60-4,113, 60-4,114,~~  
19 ~~60-4,115~~ to 60-4,118 ~~,~~ and 60-4,182 to 60-4,189 and section 55 of this  
20 act shall apply to any operator's license subject to the Motor Vehicle  
21 Operator's License Act.

22 **Sec. 55.** Section 60-4,121, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
23 amended to read:

24 ~~60-4,121~~ (1) The operator's license of any person serving on active  
25 duty, other than members of the National Guard or reserves activated for  
26 training purposes only, outside the State of Nebraska as a member of the  
27 United States Armed Forces, or the spouse of any such person or a  
28 dependent of such member of the armed forces, shall be valid during such  
29 person's period of active duty and for not more than sixty days  
30 immediately following such person's date of separation from service.

31 (2) Each individual who is applying for renewal of his or her

1 operator's license shall submit his or her previous license to the  
2 department personnel or, when the previous license is unavailable,  
3 furnish proof of identification in accordance with section 60-484.

4 **Sec. 56.** Section 60-4,114, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
5 amended to read:

6 60-4,114 (1) The county treasurer may employ such additional  
7 clerical help as may be necessary to assist him or her in the performance  
8 of the ministerial duties required of him or her under the Motor Vehicle  
9 Operator's License Act and, for such additional expense, shall be  
10 reimbursed as set out in section 60-4,115.

11 (2) The director may:

12 (a) Appoint ~~, in his or her discretion, appoint~~ department personnel  
13 to examine any applicant who applies for an initial license or whose  
14 license has been revoked or canceled to ascertain such person's ability  
15 to operate a motor vehicle properly and safely; and

16 (b) In ~~. Beginning on an implementation date designated by the~~  
17 ~~director on or before January 1, 2022, the director may, in~~ addition to  
18 appointing department personnel, appoint driver safety course instructors  
19 to examine any applicant who applies for an initial Class 0 operator's  
20 license or whose Class 0 operator's license has been revoked or canceled  
21 to ascertain such person's ability to operate a motor vehicle properly  
22 and safely.

23 (3) Except as otherwise provided in section 60-4,122, the  
24 application process, in addition to the other requisites of the act,  
25 shall include the following:

26 (a) An inquiry into the medical condition and visual ability of the  
27 applicant to operate a motor vehicle;

28 (b) An inquiry into the applicant's ability to drive and maneuver a  
29 motor vehicle, except that no driving skills test shall be conducted  
30 using an auticycle. The department may waive this requirement for a  
31 qualified ignition interlock permit holder; and

1 (c) An inquiry touching upon the applicant's knowledge of the motor  
2 vehicle laws of this state, which shall include sufficient questions to  
3 indicate familiarity with the provisions thereof. The department may  
4 waive this requirement for a qualified ignition interlock permit holder.  
5 Such knowledge inquiry may be performed remotely if proctored by an agent  
6 approved by the director.

7 (4) If an applicant is denied or refused a certificate for license  
8 or a license is canceled, such applicant or licensee shall have the right  
9 to an immediate appeal to the director from the decision. It shall be the  
10 duty of the director to review the appeal and issue a final order, to be  
11 made not later than ten days after the receipt of the appeal by the  
12 director. The director shall issue a final order not later than ten days  
13 following receipt of the medical opinion if the applicant or licensee  
14 submits reports from a physician of his or her choice for the director's  
15 consideration as provided in section 60-4,118.03. The applicant or  
16 licensee who files an appeal pursuant to this section shall notify the  
17 director in writing if he or she intends to submit records or reports for  
18 consideration. Such notice must be received by the director not later  
19 than ten days after an appeal is filed pursuant to this section to stay  
20 the director's decision until after the consideration of such records or  
21 reports as provided in section 60-4,118.03. After consideration of  
22 evidence in the records of the applicant or licensee, including any  
23 records submitted by the applicant or licensee, the director shall make a  
24 determination of the physical or mental ability of the applicant or  
25 licensee to operate a motor vehicle and shall issue a final order. The  
26 order shall be in writing, shall be accompanied by findings of fact and  
27 conclusions of law, and shall be sent by regular United States mail to  
28 the last-known address of the applicant or licensee. The order may be  
29 appealed as provided in section 60-4,105.

30 (5) For purposes of this section, qualified ignition interlock  
31 permit holder means a person who holds an ignition interlock permit and:

1        (a) When applying for such ignition interlock permit, passed a  
2 driving skills test and a test on the knowledge of the motor vehicle laws  
3 of this state; and

4        (b) Completed an operator's license revocation period of one year or  
5 less relating to such ignition interlock permit.

6        **Sec. 57.** Section 60-4,112, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
7 amended to read:

8        ~~60-4,112~~ Sections 60-4,118.03 ~~60-4,114.01~~ and ~~60-4,118.01~~ to  
9 60-4,130.05 and sections 57 to 59 of this act shall apply to the  
10 operation of any motor vehicle except a commercial motor vehicle.

11        **Sec. 58.** Section 60-4,114.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
12 is amended to read:

13        ~~60-4,114.01~~ An applicant for a Class O or Class M license that fails  
14 three successive tests of his or her ability to drive and maneuver a  
15 motor vehicle safely as provided in subdivision (3)(b) of section  
16 60-4,114 may be issued an LPD-learner's permit. The applicant shall not  
17 be eligible to reapply for the Class O or Class M license and retake such  
18 test until he or she presents proof of successful completion of a  
19 department-approved driver training school or until he or she has held an  
20 LPD-learner's permit for at least ninety days.

21        **Sec. 59.** Section 60-4,118.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
22 is amended to read:

23        ~~60-4,118.01~~ The Legislature finds and declares that:

24        (1) The operation of a motor vehicle on the highways of the state is  
25 a privilege and that no person should operate a motor vehicle on the  
26 highways of this state if not physically or mentally capable of safely  
27 doing so;

28        (2) The approval or denial of an application for an operator's  
29 license or the revocation of an operator's license may provide or prevent  
30 an opportunity for the applicant or licensee to obtain or maintain  
31 gainful employment; and

1           (3) Under certain circumstances, careful medical review and  
2 evaluation of an applicant for an operator's license or of a licensee is  
3 necessary to protect the interest of the applicant or licensee and the  
4 health, safety, and welfare of the public.

5           **Sec. 60.** Section 60-4,122, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
6 2024, is amended to read:

7           60-4,122 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (2), (3),  
8 and (8) of this section, no original or renewal operator's license shall  
9 be issued to any person until such person has demonstrated his or her  
10 ability to operate a motor vehicle safely as provided in section  
11 60-4,114.

12           (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section and section  
13 60-4,127, any person who renews his or her Class O or Class M license  
14 shall demonstrate his or her ability to drive and maneuver a motor  
15 vehicle safely as provided in subdivision (3)(b) of section 60-4,114 only  
16 at the discretion of department personnel, except that a person required  
17 to use bioptic or telescopic lenses shall be required to demonstrate his  
18 or her ability to drive and maneuver a motor vehicle safely each time he  
19 or she renews his or her license.

20           (3) Any person who renews his or her Class O or Class M license  
21 prior to or within one year after its expiration may not be required to  
22 demonstrate his or her knowledge of the motor vehicle laws of this state  
23 as provided in subdivision (3)(c) of section 60-4,114 if his or her  
24 driving record abstract maintained in the computerized records of the  
25 department shows that such person's license is not impounded, suspended,  
26 revoked, or canceled.

27           (4) Except for operators' licenses issued to persons required to use  
28 bioptic or telescopic lenses, any person who renews his or her operator's  
29 license which has been valid for fifteen months or less shall not be  
30 required to take any examination required under section 60-4,114.

31           (5) Any person who renews a state identification card shall appear

1 before department personnel and present his or her current state  
2 identification card or shall follow the procedure for electronic renewal  
3 in subsection (9) of this section. Proof of identification shall be  
4 required as prescribed in sections 60-484 and 60-4,181 and the  
5 information and documentation required by sections 60-484.04 and  
6 60-484.07.

7 (6)(a) If a nonresident who applies for an initial operator's  
8 license in this state presents a physical or mobile valid operator's  
9 license from the individual's state of residence, the department may  
10 choose not to require such individual to demonstrate knowledge of the  
11 motor vehicle laws of this state.

12 (b) A physical operator's license described in subdivision (a) of  
13 this subsection shall be surrendered to the department.

14 (c) Upon issuing an initial operator's license described in  
15 subdivision (a) of this subsection, the department shall notify the state  
16 that issued the valid operator's license described in subdivision (a) of  
17 this subsection to invalidate such license.

18 (7) An applicant for an original operator's license may not be  
19 required to demonstrate his or her knowledge of the motor vehicle laws of  
20 this state if he or she has been issued a Nebraska LPD-learner's permit  
21 that is valid or has been expired for no more than one year. The written  
22 examination shall not be waived if the original operator's license being  
23 applied for contains a class or endorsement which is different from the  
24 class or endorsement of the Nebraska LPD-learner's permit.

25 ~~(8)(a)(i)~~ ~~(8)(a)~~ A qualified licensee as determined by the  
26 department may renew his or her Class 0 or Class M license under this  
27 subdivision (a) if such person:

28 (A) Is ~~who is~~ twenty-one years of age or older; i

29 (B) Holds a ~~whose~~ license that expires prior to his or her  
30 seventy-second birthday; i ~~τ~~ and

31 (C) Has ~~who has~~ a digital image and digital signature preserved in

1 the digital system.

2 (ii) A renewal under this subdivision (a) may occur ~~may renew his or~~  
3 ~~her Class O or Class M license twice by electronic means~~ in a manner  
4 prescribed by the department using the preserved digital image and  
5 digital signature without taking any examination required under section  
6 60-4,114 if:

7 (A) Such ~~such~~ renewal is prior to or within one year after the  
8 expiration of the license;

9 (B) Such person's ~~, if his or her~~ driving record abstract maintained  
10 in the records of the department shows that such person's license is not  
11 impounded, suspended, revoked, or canceled; ~~and~~

12 (C) Such person's ~~if his or her~~ driving record indicates that he or  
13 she is otherwise eligible.

14 (iii) A renewal under this subdivision (a) may occur:

15 (A) By electronic means; or

16 (B) In-person at any location approved by the department.

17 (iv) Every licensee, including a licensee who is out of the state at  
18 the time of renewal, shall ~~must~~ apply for renewal in person at least once  
19 every sixteen years and have a new digital image and digital signature  
20 captured.

21 (b) In order to allow for an orderly progression through the various  
22 types of operators' licenses issued to persons under twenty-one years of  
23 age, a qualified holder of an operator's license who is under twenty-one  
24 years of age and who has a digital image and digital signature preserved  
25 in the digital system may apply for an operator's license by electronic  
26 means in a manner prescribed by the department using the preserved  
27 digital image and digital signature if the applicant has passed any  
28 required examinations prior to application, if his or her driving record  
29 abstract maintained in the records of the department shows that such  
30 person's operator's license is not impounded, suspended, revoked, or  
31 canceled, and if his or her driving record indicates that he or she is

1 otherwise eligible.

2 (9) Any person who is twenty-one years of age or older and who has  
3 been issued a state identification card with a digital image and digital  
4 signature may electronically renew his or her state identification card  
5 by electronic means in a manner prescribed by the department using the  
6 preserved digital image and digital signature. Every person renewing a  
7 state identification card under this subsection, including a person who  
8 is out of the state at the time of renewal, shall ~~must~~ apply for renewal  
9 in person at least once every sixteen years and have a new digital image  
10 and digital signature captured.

11 (10) In addition to services available at driver license offices,  
12 the department may develop requirements for using electronic means for  
13 online issuance of operators' licenses and state identification cards to  
14 qualified holders as determined by the department.

15 **Sec. 61.** Section 60-529, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
16 amended to read:

17 60-529 (1)(a) Prior to July 1, 2027, proof ~~Proof~~ of financial  
18 responsibility may be furnished by (i) ~~(1)~~ filing with the department the  
19 written certificate of any insurance carrier, duly authorized to do  
20 business in this state, or (ii) ~~(2)~~ electronic transmission of a  
21 certificate by an insurance carrier, duly authorized to do business in  
22 this state, certifying that there is in effect a motor vehicle liability  
23 policy for the benefit of the person required to furnish proof of  
24 financial responsibility, also known as an SR-22 certificate.

25 (b) Beginning July 1, 2027, proof of financial responsibility shall  
26 be furnished by electronic transmission of a certificate by an insurance  
27 carrier, duly authorized to do business in this state, certifying that  
28 there is in effect a motor vehicle liability policy for the benefit of  
29 the person required to furnish proof of financial responsibility, also  
30 known as an SR-22 certificate.

31 (2) Such certificate shall give the effective date of the

1 certificate and designate, by explicit description or by appropriate  
2 reference, all motor vehicles covered thereby unless the policy is issued  
3 to a person who is not the owner of a motor vehicle.

4 (3) A certificate of insurance for fleet vehicles may include, as an  
5 appropriate reference, a designation that the insurance coverage is  
6 applicable to all vehicles owned by the named insured, or wording of  
7 similar effect, in lieu of an explicit description.

8 **Sec. 62.** Section 60-6,290, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
9 amended to read:

10 60-6,290 (1)(a) No vehicle shall exceed a length of forty feet,  
11 extreme overall dimensions, inclusive of front and rear bumpers including  
12 load, except that:

13 (i) A bus, a fifth-wheel trailer as defined in section 71-4603, a  
14 travel trailer as defined in section 71-4603, or a motor home  $\tau$  as  
15 defined in section 71-4603  $\tau$  may exceed the forty-foot limitation but  
16 shall not exceed a length of forty-six ~~forty-five~~ feet;

17 (ii) A truck-tractor may exceed the forty-foot limitation;

18 (iii) A semitrailer operating in a truck-tractor single semitrailer  
19 combination, which semitrailer was actually and lawfully operating in the  
20 State of Nebraska on December 1, 1982, may exceed the forty-foot  
21 limitation;

22 (iv) A semitrailer operating in a truck-tractor single semitrailer  
23 combination, which semitrailer was not actually and lawfully operating in  
24 the State of Nebraska on December 1, 1982, may exceed the forty-foot  
25 limitation but shall not exceed a length of fifty-three feet including  
26 load;

27 (v) A semitrailer operating in a truck-tractor single semitrailer  
28 combination, while transporting baled livestock forage, may exceed the  
29 forty-foot limitation but shall not exceed a length of fifty-nine feet  
30 six inches including load;

31 (vi) An articulated bus vehicle operated by a transit authority

1 established under the Transit Authority Law or regional metropolitan  
2 transit authority established pursuant to section 18-804 may exceed the  
3 forty-foot limitation. For purposes of this subdivision (vi), an  
4 articulated bus vehicle shall not exceed sixty-five feet in length; and

5 (vii) A truck may exceed the forty-foot limitation but shall not  
6 exceed a length of forty-five feet.

7 (b) No combination of vehicles shall exceed a length of sixty-five  
8 feet, extreme overall dimensions, inclusive of front and rear bumpers and  
9 including load, except:

10 (i) One truck and one trailer, loaded or unloaded, used in  
11 transporting implements of husbandry to be engaged in harvesting, while  
12 being transported into or through the state during daylight hours if the  
13 total length does not exceed seventy-five feet including load;

14 (ii) A truck-tractor single semitrailer combination;

15 (iii) A truck-tractor semitrailer trailer combination, but the  
16 semitrailer trailer portion of such combination shall not exceed sixty-  
17 five feet inclusive of connective devices;

18 (iv) A driveaway saddlemount vehicle transporter combination and  
19 driveaway saddlemount with fullmount vehicle transporter combination, but  
20 the total overall length shall not exceed ninety-seven feet;

21 (v) A stinger-steered automobile transporter, but the total overall  
22 length shall not exceed eighty feet, inclusive of a front overhang of  
23 less than four feet and a rear overhang of less than six feet. For  
24 purposes of this subdivision, automobile transporter means any vehicle  
25 combination designed and used for the transport of assembled highway  
26 vehicles, including truck camper units. An automobile transporter shall  
27 not be prohibited from the transport of cargo or general freight on a  
28 backhaul, so long as it is in compliance with weight limitations for a  
29 truck-tractor and semitrailer combination; and

30 (vi) A towaway trailer transporter combination, but the total  
31 overall length shall not exceed eighty-two feet. For purposes of this

1 subdivision, towaway trailer transporter combination means a combination  
2 of vehicles consisting of a trailer transporter towing unit and two  
3 trailers or semitrailers with a total weight that does not exceed twenty-  
4 six thousand pounds, and in which the trailers or semitrailers carry no  
5 property and constitute inventory property of a manufacturer,  
6 distributor, or dealer of such trailers or semitrailers.

7 (c) A truck shall be construed to be one vehicle for the purpose of  
8 determining length.

9 (d) A trailer shall be construed to be one vehicle for the purpose  
10 of determining length.

11 (2) Subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to:

12 (a) Extra-long vehicles which have been issued a permit pursuant to  
13 section 60-6,292;

14 (b) Vehicles which have been issued a permit pursuant to section  
15 60-6,299;

16 (c) The temporary moving of farm machinery during daylight hours in  
17 the normal course of farm operations;

18 (d) The movement of unbaled livestock forage vehicles, loaded or  
19 unloaded;

20 (e) The movement of public utility or other construction and  
21 maintenance material and equipment at any time;

22 (f) Farm equipment dealers or their representatives as authorized  
23 under section 60-6,382 driving, delivering, or picking up farm equipment  
24 or implements of husbandry within the county in which the dealer  
25 maintains his or her place of business, or in any adjoining county or  
26 counties, and return;

27 (g) The overhang of any motor vehicle being hauled upon any lawful  
28 combination of vehicles, but such overhang shall not exceed the distance  
29 from the rear axle of the hauled motor vehicle to the closest bumper  
30 thereof;

31 (h) The overhang of a combine to be engaged in harvesting, while

1 being transported into or through the state driven during daylight hours  
2 by a truck-tractor semitrailer combination, but the length of the  
3 semitrailer, including overhang, shall not exceed sixty-three feet and  
4 the maximum semitrailer length shall not exceed fifty-three feet;

5 (i) Any self-propelled specialized mobile equipment with a fixed  
6 load when the requirements of subdivision (2)(i) of section 60-6,288 are  
7 met;

8 (j) One truck-tractor two trailer combination or one truck-tractor  
9 semitrailer trailer combination used in transporting equipment utilized  
10 by custom harvesters under contract to agricultural producers to harvest  
11 wheat, soybeans, or milo during the months of April through November but  
12 the length of the property-carrying units, excluding load, shall not  
13 exceed eighty-one feet six inches; or

14 (k) An overweight raw-milk vehicle for which a length exception has  
15 been granted under section 60-6,294.02.

16 (3) The length limitations of this section shall be exclusive of  
17 safety and energy conservation devices such as rearview mirrors,  
18 turnsignal lights, marker lights, steps and handholds for entry and  
19 egress, flexible fender extensions, mudflaps and splash and spray  
20 suppressant devices, load-induced tire bulge, refrigeration units or air  
21 compressors, and other devices necessary for safe and efficient operation  
22 of commercial motor vehicles, except that no device excluded from the  
23 limitations of this section shall have by its design or use the  
24 capability to carry cargo.

25 **Sec. 63.** Section 60-6,340, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
26 amended to read:

27 60-6,340 (1) No person under the age of sixteen ~~twelve~~ years shall  
28 operate a snowmobile in this state unless accompanied by a parent,  
29 guardian, or other person over eighteen years of age.

30 ~~(2) No person over the age of twelve years and under the age of~~  
31 ~~sixteen years shall operate a snowmobile in this state unless such person~~

1 ~~(a) holds a valid snowmobile safety certificate, (b) is accompanied by a~~  
2 ~~person fourteen years of age or over who holds a valid snowmobile safety~~  
3 ~~certificate, or (c) is accompanied by a person over the age of eighteen~~  
4 ~~years.~~

5 ~~(2) (3)~~ The operator of a snowmobile shall not be required to hold  
6 an operator's license.

7 **Sec. 64.** Section 60-6,356, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
8 amended to read:

9 60-6,356 (1) An all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle shall  
10 not be operated on any controlled-access highway with more than two  
11 marked traffic lanes. The crossing of any controlled-access highway with  
12 more than two marked traffic lanes shall not be permitted except as  
13 provided in subsections (9) and (10) of this section. Subsections (2),  
14 (3), and (5) through (8) of this section authorize and apply to operation  
15 of an all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle only on a highway  
16 other than a controlled-access highway with more than two marked traffic  
17 lanes.

18 (2) An all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle may be operated  
19 in accordance with the operating requirements of subsection (3) of this  
20 section:

21 (a) Outside the corporate limits of a city, village, or  
22 unincorporated village if incidental to the vehicle's use for  
23 agricultural purposes;

24 (b) Within the corporate limits of a city or village if authorized  
25 by the city or village by ordinance adopted in accordance with this  
26 section; or

27 (c) Within an unincorporated village if authorized by the county  
28 board of the county in which the unincorporated village is located by  
29 resolution in accordance with this section.

30 (3)(a) An all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle may be  
31 operated as authorized in subsection (2) of this section when such

1 operation occurs:

2 (i) Between the hours of sunrise and sunset; ~~or~~

3 (ii) Between the hours of sunset and sunrise for purposes of snow  
4 removal within the corporate limits of a city or village or within an  
5 unincorporated village; or -

6 (iii) Between the hours of sunset and sunrise within the corporate  
7 limits of a city or village or within an unincorporated village if:

8 (A) The headlight for the all-terrain vehicle or utility-type  
9 vehicle displays a white light and:

10 (I) For multiple beam headlights, the upper beam sufficiently  
11 illuminates any person, vehicle, or substantial object at a distance of  
12 at least one hundred feet in front of the all-terrain vehicle or utility-  
13 type vehicle, and the lowermost beam sufficiently illuminates any person,  
14 vehicle, or substantial object at a distance of at least fifty feet in  
15 front of the all-terrain vehicle or utility-type vehicle; and

16 (II) For single beam headlights, the headlight sufficiently  
17 illuminates any person, vehicle, or substantial object at a distance of  
18 at least one hundred feet in front of the all-terrain vehicle or utility-  
19 type vehicle, and the high intensity portion of the light does not  
20 project higher than the level of the center of the headlight; and

21 (B) The taillight for the all-terrain vehicle or utility-type  
22 vehicle displays a red light that is plainly visible from a distance of  
23 five hundred feet behind the all-terrain vehicle or utility-type vehicle.

24 (b) Any person operating an all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type  
25 vehicle as authorized in subsection (2) of this section shall:

26 (i) Have a valid Class 0 operator's license or a farm permit as  
27 provided in section 60-4,126;

28 (ii) Have liability insurance coverage for the all-terrain vehicle  
29 or a utility-type vehicle while operating such all-terrain vehicle or  
30 utility-type vehicle on a highway; and

31 (iii) Not operate the all-terrain or utility-type vehicle at a speed

1 in excess of thirty miles per hour.

2 (c) The person operating an all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type  
3 vehicle shall provide proof of such insurance coverage to any peace  
4 officer requesting such proof within five days of such a request.

5 (d) When operating an all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle  
6 as authorized in subsection (2) of this section, the headlight and  
7 taillight of the vehicle shall be on and the vehicle shall be equipped  
8 with a bicycle safety flag which extends not less than five feet above  
9 ground attached to the rear of such vehicle. The bicycle safety flag  
10 shall be triangular in shape with an area of not less than thirty square  
11 inches and shall be day-glow in color.

12 (4) All-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles may be operated  
13 without complying with subsection (3) of this section on highways in  
14 parades which have been authorized by the State of Nebraska or any  
15 department, board, commission, or political subdivision of the state.

16 (5) The crossing of a highway other than a controlled-access highway  
17 with more than two marked traffic lanes shall be permitted by an all-  
18 terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle without complying with  
19 subsection (3) of this section only if:

20 (a) The crossing is made at an angle of approximately ninety degrees  
21 to the direction of the highway and at a place where no obstruction  
22 prevents a quick and safe crossing;

23 (b) The vehicle is brought to a complete stop before crossing the  
24 shoulder or roadway of the highway;

25 (c) The operator yields the right-of-way to all oncoming traffic  
26 that constitutes an immediate potential hazard;

27 (d) In crossing a divided highway, the crossing is made only at an  
28 intersection of such highway with another highway; and

29 (e) Both the headlight and taillight of the vehicle are on when the  
30 crossing is made.

31 (6) All-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles may be operated

1 outside the corporate limits of any municipality by electric utility  
2 personnel within the course of their employment in accordance with the  
3 operation requirements of subsection (3) of this section, except that the  
4 operation of the vehicle pursuant to this subsection need not be limited  
5 to the hours between sunrise and sunset.

6 (7) A city or village may adopt an ordinance authorizing the  
7 operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles within the  
8 corporate limits of the city or village if the operation is in accordance  
9 with subsection (3) of this section. The city or village may place other  
10 restrictions on the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type  
11 vehicles within its corporate limits.

12 (8) A county board may adopt a resolution authorizing the operation  
13 of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles within any  
14 unincorporated village within the county if the operation is in  
15 accordance with subsection (3) of this section. The county may place  
16 other restrictions on the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-  
17 type vehicles within the unincorporated village.

18 (9) Except as provided in subsection (10) of this section, the  
19 crossing of a controlled-access highway with more than two marked traffic  
20 lanes shall be permitted by a utility-type vehicle if the operation is in  
21 accordance with the operation requirements of subsection (3) of this  
22 section and if the following requirements are met:

23 (a) The crossing is made at an intersection that:

24 (i) Is controlled by a traffic control signal; or

25 (ii) For any intersection located outside the corporate limits of a  
26 city or village, is controlled by stop signs;

27 (b) The crossing at such intersection is made in compliance with the  
28 traffic control signal or stop signs; and

29 (c) The crossing at such intersection is specifically authorized as  
30 follows:

31 (i) If such intersection is located within the corporate limits of a

1 city or village, by ordinance of such city or village;

2 (ii) If such intersection is located within an unincorporated  
3 village, by resolution of the county board of the county in which such  
4 unincorporated village is located; or

5 (iii) If such intersection is located outside the corporate limits  
6 of a city or village and outside any unincorporated village, by  
7 resolution of the county board of the county in which such intersection  
8 is located.

9 (10) When the use of the all-terrain vehicle or utility-type vehicle  
10 is for an agricultural purpose, the crossing of a controlled-access  
11 highway with more than two marked traffic lanes shall be permitted if  
12 such vehicle is operated in accordance with subsection (3) of this  
13 section.

14 **Sec. 65.** Section 60-1401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
15 2024, is amended to read:

16 60-1401 Sections 60-1401 to 60-1441 and section 72 of this act shall  
17 be known and may be cited as the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Act.

18 Any amendments to the act shall apply to franchises subject to the  
19 act which are entered into, amended, altered, modified, renewed, or  
20 extended after the date of the amendments to the act except as otherwise  
21 specifically provided in the act.

22 All amendments to the act shall apply upon the issuance or renewal  
23 of a dealer's or manufacturer's license.

24 **Sec. 66.** Section 60-1402, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
25 amended to read:

26 60-1402 (1) ~~The There is hereby established the~~ Nebraska Motor  
27 Vehicle Industry Licensing Board is created.

28 (2) The board ~~which~~ shall consist of the Director of Motor Vehicles,  
29 who shall be the chairperson of the board, and the following eleven ~~nine~~  
30 members appointed by the Governor ~~as follows:~~

31 (a) One factory representative; ~~7~~

1           **(b)** ~~One~~ ~~one~~ member of the general public; ~~τ~~

2           **(c)** ~~One~~ ~~and one~~ motorcycle dealer; ~~τ~~ ~~all of whom shall be appointed~~  
3 ~~from the state at large,~~

4           **(d)** ~~One~~ ~~one~~ new motor vehicle dealer from each of the three  
5 congressional districts of the state as the districts existed are  
6 ~~constituted~~ on October 19, 1963; ~~τ~~

7           **(e)** ~~Two~~ ~~and two~~ used motor vehicle dealers. ~~Not~~ ~~and one~~ ~~trailer~~  
8 ~~dealer or combination motor vehicle or trailer dealer,~~ not more than one  
9 used motor vehicle dealer shall be ~~being~~ appointed from the same  
10 congressional district as such districts existed ~~they are constituted~~ on  
11 October 19, 1963; ~~τ~~

12           **(f)** ~~One~~ ~~and the~~ trailer dealer or combination motor vehicle or  
13 trailer dealer; ~~being appointed from the state at large.~~

14           **(g)** One recreational vehicle dealer that is licensed under the Motor  
15 Vehicle Industry Regulation Act; and

16           **(h)** One recreational vehicle manufacturer that is licensed under the  
17 Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Act.

18           **(3)** No member of the board shall participate in any manner in a  
19 proceeding before the board involving his or her licensed business.

20           **(4)(a)** ~~(2)~~ On October 19, 1963, the Governor shall appoint a new  
21 motor vehicle dealer and a trailer dealer or combination motor vehicle or  
22 trailer dealer to the board. In making the appointments, the Governor  
23 shall appoint one of the new members for one year and one for two years  
24 as designated by the Governor in making the appointments.

25           **(b)** On January 1, 1972, the Governor shall appoint one factory  
26 representative and one member of the general public to the board,  
27 designating one to serve for a term of one year and one for a term of two  
28 years.

29           **(c)** On January 1, 1974, the Governor shall appoint one motorcycle  
30 dealer to serve for a term of three years.

31           **(d)** No later than January 1, 2027, the Governor shall appoint the

1 members described in subdivisions (2)(g) and (h) of this section. Such  
2 members shall be appointed for terms of three years. Such three-year  
3 terms shall begin on January 1, 2027.

4 (5)(a) At the expiration of the term of any appointed member of the  
5 board, the Governor shall appoint a successor for a term of three years.

6 (b) In the event of a vacancy on the board, the Governor shall fill  
7 such vacancy by appointing a member to serve during the unexpired term of  
8 the member whose office has become vacant.

9 (c) No member appointed shall serve more than two consecutive terms.

10 (6) The action of the majority of the members of the board shall be  
11 deemed the action of the board.

12 (7) All appointments made to the board, except the Director of Motor  
13 Vehicles, shall be confirmed by the Legislature if in session. In the  
14 event the Legislature is not in session all appointments including  
15 appointments to fill a vacancy shall be temporary appointments until the  
16 next meeting of the Legislature when the Governor shall nominate some  
17 person to fill the office. Any person so nominated who is confirmed by  
18 the Legislature shall hold office during the remainder of the term.

19 (8) No appointed person may act as a member of the board while  
20 holding any other elective or appointive state or federal office except  
21 the Director of Motor Vehicles.

22 (9) All appointed members of the board shall be paid fifty dollars  
23 for each day actually engaged in the performance of their duties and be  
24 entitled to their reasonable traveling expenses in the performance of  
25 their duties.

26 **Sec. 67.** Section 60-1411.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
27 is amended to read:

28 60-1411.01 (1) To pay the expenses of the administration, operation,  
29 maintenance, and enforcement of the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation  
30 Act, the board shall collect with each application for each class of  
31 license fees not exceeding the following amounts:

- 1 (a) Motor vehicle dealer's license, one thousand ~~four hundred~~  
2 dollars;
- 3 (b) Supplemental motor vehicle dealer's license, five hundred ~~twenty~~  
4 dollars;
- 5 (c) Dealer's agent license, five ~~one~~ hundred dollars;
- 6 (d) Motor vehicle, motorcycle, or trailer manufacturer's license,  
7 one thousand five ~~six~~ hundred dollars;
- 8 (e) Distributor's license, one thousand five ~~six~~ hundred dollars;
- 9 (f) Factory representative's license, one hundred ~~twenty~~ dollars;
- 10 (g) Distributor representative's license, one hundred ~~twenty~~  
11 dollars;
- 12 (h) Finance company's license, one thousand ~~four hundred~~ dollars;
- 13 (i) Wrecker or salvage dealer's license, five ~~two~~ hundred dollars;
- 14 (j) Factory branch license, five ~~two~~ hundred dollars;
- 15 (k) Motorcycle dealer's license, one thousand ~~four hundred~~ dollars;
- 16 (l) Motor vehicle auction dealer's license, one thousand ~~four~~  
17 ~~hundred~~ dollars; and
- 18 (m) Trailer dealer's license, one thousand ~~four hundred~~ dollars.
- 19 (2) The fees shall be fixed by the board and shall not exceed the  
20 amount actually necessary to sustain the administration, operation,  
21 maintenance, and enforcement of the act.
- 22 (3) Such licenses, if issued, shall expire on December 31 next  
23 following the date of the issuance thereof. Any motor vehicle,  
24 motorcycle, or trailer dealer changing its location shall not be required  
25 to obtain a new license if the new location is within the same city  
26 limits or county, all requirements of law are complied with, and a fee of  
27 one hundred ~~twenty-five~~ dollars is paid, but any change of ownership of  
28 any licensee shall require a new application for a license and a new  
29 license. Change of name of licensee without change of ownership shall  
30 require the licensee to obtain a new license and pay a fee of fifty ~~five~~  
31 dollars. Applications shall be made each year for a new or renewal

1 license. If the applicant is an individual, the application shall include  
2 the applicant's social security number.

3 **Sec. 68.** Section 60-1430.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
4 is amended to read:

5 60-1430.02 (1) Upon the termination, cancellation, or  
6 noncontinuation of a franchise by the franchisor or franchisee pursuant  
7 to the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Act, the franchisor shall pay  
8 the franchisee:

9 (a) The dealer cost, plus any charges made by the franchisor for  
10 distribution, delivery, and taxes, less all allowances paid or credited  
11 to the franchisee by the franchisor, of unused, undamaged, and unsold  
12 motor vehicles in the franchisee's inventory acquired from the franchisor  
13 or another franchisee of the same line and made within the previous  
14 twelve months;

15 (b) The dealer cost, less all allowances paid or credited to the  
16 franchisee by the franchisor, for all unused, undamaged, and unsold  
17 supplies, parts, and accessories in original packaging, except that (i)  
18 in the case of sheet metal, a comparable substitute for original  
19 packaging may be used if such supply, part, or accessory is offered for  
20 sale by the franchisor and was acquired from the franchisor or the  
21 predecessor franchisee as a part of the franchisee's initial inventory  
22 and (ii) in the case of a motorcycle franchise, the payment for such  
23 supplies, parts, and accessories shall be based upon the currently  
24 published dealer cost for all unused, undamaged, and unsold supplies,  
25 parts, and accessories currently offered for sale by the franchisor and  
26 originally acquired from the franchisor or the predecessor franchisee as  
27 a part of the franchisee's initial inventory, and all such supplies,  
28 parts, and accessories shall be currently identifiable and labeled and in  
29 the original packaging or a comparable substitute for the original  
30 packaging;

31 (c) The fair market value of each undamaged sign owned by the

1 franchisee which bears a common name, trade name, or trademark of the  
2 franchisor if acquisition of such sign was recommended or required by the  
3 franchisor;

4 (d) The fair market value of all special tools, equipment, and  
5 furnishings acquired from the franchisor or sources approved by the  
6 franchisor which were recommended and required by the franchisor and are  
7 in good and usable condition except for reasonable wear and tear; and

8 (e) The cost of transporting, handling, packing, and loading motor  
9 vehicles, supplies, parts, accessories, signs, special tools, equipment,  
10 and furnishings.

11 (2) The franchisor shall pay the franchisee the amounts specified in  
12 subsection (1) of this section within ninety days after the tender of the  
13 property if the franchisee has clear title to the property and is in a  
14 position to convey that title to the franchisor. This section shall not  
15 apply to a termination or noncontinuation of a franchise that is  
16 implemented as a result of the sale of the assets or stock of the  
17 franchisee.

18 (3)(a) If the termination, cancellation, or nonrenewal of a  
19 franchise is the result of the termination, elimination, or cessation of  
20 a line-make by the manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch, then, in  
21 addition to the payments to the franchisee pursuant to subsection (1) of  
22 this section, the manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch shall be  
23 liable to the franchisee for an amount at least equivalent to the fair  
24 market value of the franchise for the line-make, which shall be the  
25 greater of that value determined as of (i) the date the franchisor  
26 announces the action that results in termination, cancellation, or  
27 nonrenewal of the line-make or (ii) the date the action that resulted in  
28 termination, cancellation, or nonrenewal of the line-make first became  
29 general knowledge. In determining the fair market value of a franchise  
30 for a line-make, if the line-make is not the only line-make for which the  
31 franchisee holds a franchise in the dealership facilities, the franchisee

1 shall also be entitled to compensation for the contribution of the line-  
2 make to payment of the rent or to covering obligations for the fair  
3 rental value of the franchise facilities for the period set forth in  
4 subdivision (b) of this subsection. Fair market value of the franchise  
5 for the line-make shall only include the goodwill value of the franchise  
6 for that line-make in the franchisee's community.

7 (b) If the line-make is the only line-make for which the franchisee  
8 holds a franchise, the manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch shall  
9 also pay assistance with respect to the franchise facilities leased or  
10 owned by the franchisee as follows:

11 (i) The manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch shall pay the  
12 franchisee a sum equivalent to the rent for the unexpired term of the  
13 lease or two years' rent, whichever is less; or

14 (ii) If the franchisee owns the franchise facilities, the  
15 manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch shall pay the franchisee a  
16 sum equivalent to the reasonable rental value of the franchise facilities  
17 for two years.

18 (c) To be entitled to franchise facilities assistance from the  
19 manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch, the franchisee shall have  
20 the obligation to mitigate damages by listing the franchise facilities  
21 for lease or sublease with a licensed real estate agent within thirty  
22 days after the effective date of the termination of the franchise and by  
23 reasonably cooperating with the real estate agent in the performance of  
24 the agent's duties and responsibilities. If the franchisee is able to  
25 lease or sublease the franchise facilities on terms that are consistent  
26 with local zoning requirements to preserve the right to sell motor  
27 vehicles from the franchise facilities and the terms of the franchisee's  
28 lease, the franchisee shall be obligated to pay the manufacturer the net  
29 revenue received from such mitigation, but only following receipt of  
30 franchise facilities assistance payments pursuant to subdivision (3)(b)  
31 of this section and only up to the total amount of franchise facilities

1 assistance payments that the franchisee has received.

2 ~~(d) This subsection does not apply to the termination of a line make~~  
3 ~~by a franchisor of recreational vehicles.~~

4 (4) This section shall not relieve a franchisee from any other  
5 obligation to mitigate damages upon termination, cancellation, or  
6 noncontinuation of the franchise.

7 **Sec. 69.** Section 60-1437, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
8 amended to read:

9 60-1437 In addition to the restrictions imposed by section 60-1436,  
10 a manufacturer or distributor shall not:

11 (1) Fail to deliver new motor vehicles or new motor vehicle parts or  
12 accessories within a reasonable time and in reasonable quantities  
13 relative to the new motor vehicle dealer's market area and facilities,  
14 unless the failure is caused by acts or occurrences beyond the control of  
15 the manufacturer or distributor or unless the failure results from an  
16 order by the new motor vehicle dealer in excess of quantities reasonably  
17 and fairly allocated by the manufacturer or distributor;

18 (2) Refuse to disclose to a new motor vehicle dealer the method and  
19 manner of distribution of new motor vehicles by the manufacturer or  
20 distributor or, if a line-make is allocated among new motor vehicle  
21 dealers, refuse to disclose to any new motor vehicle dealer that handles  
22 the same line-make the system of allocation, including, but not limited  
23 to, a complete breakdown by model, and a concise listing of dealerships  
24 with an explanation of the derivation of the allocation system, including  
25 its mathematical formula in a clear and comprehensible form;

26 (3) Refuse to disclose to a new motor vehicle dealer the total  
27 number of new motor vehicles of a given model which the manufacturer or  
28 distributor has sold during the current model year within the dealer's  
29 marketing district, zone, or region, whichever geographical area is the  
30 smallest;

31 (4) Increase the price of any new motor vehicle which the new motor

1 vehicle dealer had ordered and delivered to the same retail consumer for  
2 whom the vehicle was ordered, if the order was made prior to the dealer's  
3 receipt of the written official price increase notification. A sales  
4 contract signed by a private retail consumer and binding on the dealer  
5 shall constitute evidence of such order. In the event of manufacturer or  
6 distributor price reduction or cash rebate, the amount of any reduction  
7 or rebate received by a dealer shall be passed on to the private retail  
8 consumer by the dealer. Any price reduction in excess of five dollars  
9 shall apply to all vehicles in the dealer's inventory which were subject  
10 to the price reduction. A price difference applicable to a new model or  
11 series of motor vehicles at the time of the introduction of the new model  
12 or series shall not be considered a price increase or price decrease.  
13 This subdivision shall not apply to price changes caused by the  
14 following:

15 (a) The addition to a motor vehicle of required or optional  
16 equipment pursuant to state or federal law;

17 (b) In the case of foreign-made vehicles or components, revaluation  
18 of the United States dollar; or

19 (c) Any increase in transportation charges due to an increase in  
20 rates charged by a common carrier or other transporter;

21 (5) Fail or refuse to sell or offer to sell to all franchised new  
22 motor vehicle dealers in a line-make every new motor vehicle sold or  
23 offered for sale to any franchised new motor vehicle dealer of the same  
24 line-make. However, the failure to deliver any such new motor vehicle  
25 shall not be considered a violation of this section if the failure is due  
26 to a lack of manufacturing capacity or to a strike or labor difficulty, a  
27 shortage of materials, a freight embargo, or any other cause over which  
28 the franchisor has no control. A manufacturer or distributor shall not  
29 require that any of its new motor vehicle dealers located in this state  
30 pay any extra fee, purchase unreasonable or unnecessary quantities of  
31 advertising displays or other materials, or remodel, renovate, or

1 recondition the new motor vehicle dealer's existing facilities in order  
2 to receive any particular model or series of vehicles manufactured or  
3 distributed by the manufacturer for which the dealers have a valid  
4 franchise. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, nothing  
5 contained in this section shall be deemed to prohibit or prevent a  
6 manufacturer from requiring that its franchised dealers located in this  
7 state purchase special tools or equipment, stock reasonable quantities of  
8 certain parts, or participate in training programs which are reasonably  
9 necessary for those dealers to sell or service any model or series of new  
10 motor vehicles ~~. This subdivision shall not apply to manufacturers of~~  
11 ~~recreational vehicles;~~

12 (6) Fail to offer dealers of a specific line-make a new franchise  
13 agreement containing substantially similar terms and conditions for sales  
14 of the line-make if the ownership of the manufacturer or distributor  
15 changes or there is a change in the plan or system of distribution;

16 (7) Take an adverse action against a dealer because the dealer sells  
17 or leases a motor vehicle that is later exported to a location outside  
18 the United States. A franchise provision that allows a manufacturer or  
19 distributor to take adverse action against a dealer because the dealer  
20 sells or leases a motor vehicle that is later exported to a location  
21 outside the United States is enforceable only if, at the time of the  
22 original sale or lease, the dealer knew or reasonably should have known  
23 that the motor vehicle would be exported to a location outside the United  
24 States. A dealer is presumed to have no knowledge that a motor vehicle  
25 the dealer sells or leases will be exported to a location outside the  
26 United States if, under the laws of a state of the United States (a) the  
27 motor vehicle is titled, (b) the motor vehicle is registered, and (c)  
28 applicable state and local taxes are paid for the motor vehicle. Such  
29 presumption may be rebutted by direct, clear, and convincing evidence  
30 that the dealer knew or reasonably should have known at the time of the  
31 original sale or lease that the motor vehicle would be exported to a

1 location outside the United States. Except as otherwise permitted by  
2 subdivision (7) of this section, a franchise provision that allows a  
3 manufacturer or distributor to take adverse action against a dealer  
4 because the dealer sells or leases a motor vehicle that is later exported  
5 to a location outside the United States is void and unenforceable;

6 (8) Discriminate against a dealer holding a franchise for a line-  
7 make of the manufacturer or distributor in favor of other dealers of the  
8 same line-make in this state by:

9 (a) Selling or offering to sell a new motor vehicle to a dealer at a  
10 lower actual price, including the price for vehicle transportation, than  
11 the actual price at which the same model similarly equipped is offered to  
12 or is available to another dealer in this state during a similar time  
13 period; or

14 (b) Using a promotional program or device or an incentive, payment,  
15 or other benefit, whether paid at the time of the sale of the new motor  
16 vehicle to the dealer or later, that results in the sale or offer to sell  
17 a new motor vehicle to a dealer at a lower price, including the price for  
18 vehicle transportation, than the price at which the same model similarly  
19 equipped is offered or is available to another dealer in this state  
20 during a similar time period. This subdivision shall not prohibit a  
21 promotional or incentive program that is functionally available to  
22 competing dealers of the same line-make in this state on substantially  
23 comparable terms;

24 (9) Refuse to pay a new motor vehicle dealer for sales incentives,  
25 service incentives, rebates, or other forms of incentive compensation  
26 within thirty days after their approval by the manufacturer or  
27 distributor. The manufacturer or distributor shall either approve or  
28 disapprove each claim by the dealer within thirty days after receipt of  
29 the claim in a proper form generally used by the manufacturer or  
30 distributor. Any claims not specifically disapproved in writing within  
31 thirty days after receipt shall be considered to be approved;

1           (10) Perform an audit to confirm payment of a sales incentive,  
2 service incentive, rebate, or other form of incentive compensation more  
3 than twelve months after the date of payment of the claim or twelve  
4 months after the end of the incentive program by the new motor vehicle  
5 dealer unless the claim is fraudulent;

6           (11) Reduce the amount to be paid to a new motor vehicle dealer for  
7 a sales incentive, service incentive, rebate, or other form of incentive  
8 compensation or charge back a new motor vehicle dealer subsequent to the  
9 payment of the claim for a sales incentive, service incentive, rebate, or  
10 other form of incentive compensation unless the manufacturer or  
11 distributor shows that the claim lacks required documentation or is  
12 alleged to be false, fraudulent, or based on a misrepresentation.

13           A manufacturer or distributor may not deny a claim based solely on a  
14 new motor vehicle dealer's incidental failure to comply with a specific  
15 claim processing requirement, such as a clerical error, that does not put  
16 into question the legitimacy of the claim. No reduction in the amount to  
17 be paid to the new motor vehicle dealer and no charge back subsequent to  
18 the payment of a claim may be made until the new motor vehicle dealer has  
19 had notice and an opportunity to correct any deficiency and resubmit the  
20 claim and to participate in all franchisor internal appeal processes as  
21 well as all available legal processes. If a charge back is the subject of  
22 adjudication, internal appeal, mediation, or arbitration, no charge back  
23 shall be made until, in the case of an adjudication or legal action, a  
24 final order has been issued.

25           A claim for reimbursement by the manufacturer or distributor of sums  
26 due following an audit must be presented to the dealer within ninety days  
27 after completion of the audit of the item subject to the claim. A  
28 manufacturer or distributor may not setoff or otherwise take control over  
29 funds owned or under the control of the new motor vehicle dealer or which  
30 are in an account designated for the new motor vehicle dealer when such  
31 action is based upon the findings of an audit or other claim with respect

1 thereto until a final decision is issued with respect to any challenge or  
2 appeal by either party of any such audit or claim.

3 Any ambiguity or inconsistency in submission guidelines shall be  
4 construed against the manufacturer or distributor;

5 (12) Make any express or implied statement or representation  
6 directly or indirectly that the dealer is under any obligation whatsoever  
7 to offer to sell or sell any extended service contract, extended  
8 maintenance plan, gap policy, gap waiver, or other aftermarket product or  
9 service offered, sold, backed by, or sponsored by the manufacturer or  
10 distributor or to sell, assign, or transfer any of the dealer's retail  
11 sales contracts or leases in this state on motor vehicles manufactured or  
12 sold by the manufacturer or distributor to a finance company or class of  
13 finance companies, leasing company or class of leasing companies, or  
14 other specified person, because of any relationship or affiliation  
15 between the manufacturer or distributor and the finance company or  
16 companies, leasing company or leasing companies, or the specified person  
17 or persons; or

18 (13) Prohibit a franchisee from acquiring a line-make of new motor  
19 vehicles solely because the franchisee owns or operates a franchise of  
20 the same line-make in a contiguous market.

21 Any such statements, threats, promises, acts, contracts, or offers  
22 of contracts, when their effect may be to lessen or eliminate competition  
23 or tend to create a monopoly, are declared unfair trade practices and  
24 unfair methods of competition and are prohibited.

25 **Sec. 70.** Section 60-1438, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
26 amended to read:

27 60-1438 (1) Each new motor vehicle manufacturer or distributor shall  
28 specify in writing to each of its new motor vehicle dealers licensed in  
29 this state the dealer's obligations for preparation, delivery, and  
30 warranty service on its products. The manufacturer or distributor shall  
31 compensate the new motor vehicle dealer for warranty service which such

1 manufacturer or distributor requires the dealer to provide, including  
2 warranty and recall obligations related to repairing and servicing motor  
3 vehicles and all parts and components included in or manufactured for  
4 installation in the motor vehicles of the manufacturer or distributor.  
5 The manufacturer or distributor shall provide the new motor vehicle  
6 dealer with the schedule of compensation to be paid to the dealer for  
7 parts, work, and service and the time allowance for the performance of  
8 the work and service.

9 (2)(a) The schedule of compensation shall include compensation for  
10 diagnostic work, as well as repair service, parts, and labor. Time  
11 allowances for the diagnosis and performance of warranty work and service  
12 shall be adequate for a qualified technician to perform the work or  
13 service. A franchisor shall not unreasonably deny a written request  
14 submitted by a franchisee for modification of a franchisor's uniform time  
15 allowance for a specific warranty repair or unreasonably deny a request  
16 submitted by a franchisee for an additional time allowance for diagnostic  
17 or repair work on a specific vehicle covered under warranty. Any such  
18 request shall include information and documentation reasonably necessary  
19 for the franchisor to assess the merits of the franchisee's request. In  
20 the determination of compensation under this section, the principal  
21 factors to be given consideration shall be the prevailing wage rates  
22 being paid by dealers in the community in which the dealer is doing  
23 business, and in no event shall the compensation of the dealer for  
24 warranty parts and labor be less than the rates charged by the dealer for  
25 like parts and service to retail or fleet customers. In determining  
26 prevailing wage rates, the rate of compensation for labor for that  
27 portion of repair orders for all recommended maintenance services shall  
28 not be used, including maintenance services relating to the following:  
29 Oil, filters, any fluids, brake pads, brake discs, brake drums, spark  
30 plugs, wiper blades, tire repair, or tire replacement.

31 (b)(i) For purposes of this section, compensation for parts may be

1 determined by calculating the price paid by the dealer for parts,  
2 including all shipping and other charges, multiplied by the sum of one  
3 and the dealer's average percentage markup over the price paid by the  
4 dealer for parts purchased by the dealer from the manufacturer and sold  
5 at retail. The dealer may establish average percentage markup by  
6 submitting to the manufacturer one hundred sequential customer-paid  
7 service repair orders or ninety days of customer-paid service repair  
8 orders, whichever is less, covering repairs made no more than one hundred  
9 eighty days before the submission and declaring what the average  
10 percentage markup is. Within thirty days after receipt of the repair  
11 orders, the manufacturer may audit the submitted repair orders and  
12 approve or deny approval of the average percentage markup based on the  
13 audit. The average percentage markup shall go into effect forty-five days  
14 after the approval based on that audit. If the manufacturer denies  
15 approval of the average percentage markup declared by the dealer, the  
16 dealer may file a complaint with the board. The manufacturer shall have  
17 the burden to prove that the denial was made pursuant to the Motor  
18 Vehicle Industry Regulation Act. If the board determines that the denial  
19 was not reasonable, the denial shall be deemed a violation of the Motor  
20 Vehicle Industry Regulation Act subject to the enforcement procedures of  
21 the act. When determining compensation for parts, only retail sales that  
22 do not involve warranty repairs shall be used and the rate of markup for  
23 all parts supplied on repair orders for recommended maintenance services  
24 shall not be used, including maintenance services relating to the  
25 following: Oil, filters, any fluids, brake pads, brake discs, brake  
26 drums, spark plugs, wiper blades, tire repair, or tire replacement. No  
27 manufacturer shall require a dealer to establish average percentage  
28 markup by a methodology, or by requiring information, that is unduly  
29 burdensome or time consuming to provide, including, but not limited to,  
30 part-by-part or transaction-by-transaction calculations. A dealer shall  
31 not request a change in the average percentage markup more than twice in

1 one calendar year.

2 (ii)(A) If a franchisor furnishes, or causes to be furnished, a part  
3 to a dealer at no cost or at a reduced cost for use in performing  
4 warranty work, the franchisor shall compensate the dealer for the  
5 dealer's cost of the part, if any, plus an amount equal to the markup on  
6 the dealer's part. Such amount shall be multiplied by the fair wholesale  
7 value of the part.

8 (B) For purposes of subdivision (b)(ii) of this subsection, fair  
9 wholesale value of the part means the greatest of the following:

10 (I) The amount the dealer paid for the part;

11 (II) The cost of the part, at the time the part was furnished, in a  
12 price schedule of the franchisor; and

13 (III) The cost of a substantially identical part, at the time the  
14 part was furnished, in a price schedule of the franchisor.

15 (c)(i) A manufacturer or distributor may request up to one hundred  
16 additional repair orders different from those provided under subdivision  
17 (2)(b) of this section from a dealer of the manufacturer or distributor  
18 to determine if such dealer's average percentage markup rate, retail  
19 labor rate, or both are materially different than the rates such dealer  
20 has declared with the manufacturer or distributor.

21 (ii) The manufacturer or distributor may adjust the subsequent rates  
22 paid by the manufacturer or distributor to such dealer if the  
23 manufacturer or distributor determines that such dealer's rates charged  
24 to customers for nonwarranty work are less than the rates currently being  
25 paid by the manufacturer or distributor to such dealer for warranty work.  
26 The manufacturer or distributor shall have thirty days from receiving all  
27 requested additional repair orders to rebut the new vehicle dealer's  
28 labor rate, average percentage markup rate, or both.

29 (iii) The additional repair orders specified in subdivision (2)(c)  
30 (i) of this section shall be:

31 (A) From a ninety-day period selected by the manufacturer or

1 distributor within the most recent previous twelve-month period; and

2 (B) Repair orders selected by the dealer.

3 (iv) A request for repair orders under this subdivision (c) shall  
4 not be made within twelve months after any prior request under this  
5 subdivision (c).

6 (d) Nothing in this section prohibits a dealer and manufacturer or  
7 distributor from reaching an agreement on a mutually acceptable retail  
8 labor rate or average percentage markup rate.

9 (3) A manufacturer or distributor shall not do any of the following:

10 (a) Fail to perform any warranty obligation;

11 (b) Fail to include in written notices of factory recalls to new  
12 motor vehicle owners and dealers the expected date by which necessary  
13 parts and equipment will be available to dealers for the correction of  
14 the defects; or

15 (c) Fail to compensate any of the new motor vehicle dealers licensed  
16 in this state for repairs effected by the recall.

17 (4) A dealer's claim for warranty compensation may be denied only  
18 if:

19 (a) The dealer's claim is based on a nonwarranty repair;

20 (b) The dealer lacks documentation for the claim;

21 (c) The dealer fails to comply with specific substantive terms and  
22 conditions of the franchisor's warranty compensation program; or

23 (d) The manufacturer has a bona fide belief based on competent  
24 evidence that the dealer's claim is intentionally false, fraudulent, or  
25 misrepresented.

26 (5) All claims made by a new motor vehicle dealer pursuant to this  
27 section for labor and parts shall be made within six months after  
28 completing the work and shall be paid within thirty days after their  
29 approval. All claims shall be either approved or disapproved by the  
30 manufacturer or distributor within thirty days after their receipt on a  
31 proper form generally used by the manufacturer or distributor and

1 containing the usually required information therein. Any claim not  
2 specifically disapproved in writing within thirty days after the receipt  
3 of the form shall be considered to be approved and payment shall be made  
4 within thirty days. The manufacturer has the right to audit the claims  
5 for one year after payment, except that if the manufacturer has  
6 reasonable cause to believe that a claim submitted by a dealer is  
7 intentionally false or fraudulent, the manufacturer has the right to  
8 audit the claims for four years after payment. For purposes of this  
9 subsection, reasonable cause means a bona fide belief based upon evidence  
10 that the issues of fact are such that a person of ordinary caution,  
11 prudence, and judgment could believe that a claim was intentionally false  
12 or fraudulent. As a result of an audit authorized under this subsection,  
13 the manufacturer has the right to charge back to the new motor vehicle  
14 dealer the amount of any previously paid claim after the new motor  
15 vehicle dealer has had notice and an opportunity to participate in all  
16 franchisor internal appeal processes as well as all available legal  
17 processes. The requirement to approve and pay the claim within thirty  
18 days after receipt of the claim does not preclude chargebacks for any  
19 fraudulent claim previously paid. A manufacturer may not deny a claim  
20 based solely on a dealer's incidental failure to comply with a specific  
21 claim processing requirement, such as a clerical error that does not put  
22 into question the legitimacy of the claim. If a claim is rejected for a  
23 clerical error, the dealer may resubmit a corrected claim in a timely  
24 manner.

25 (6) The warranty obligations set forth in this section shall also  
26 apply to any manufacturer of a new motor vehicle transmission, engine, or  
27 rear axle that separately warrants its components to customers.

28 ~~(7) This section does not apply to recreational vehicles.~~

29 **Sec. 71.** Section 60-1438.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
30 2024, is amended to read:

31 60-1438.01 (1) For purposes of this section, manufacturer or

1 distributor includes (a) a factory representative or a distributor  
2 representative or (b) a person who is affiliated with a manufacturer or  
3 distributor or who, directly or indirectly through an intermediary, is  
4 controlled by, or is under common control with, the manufacturer or  
5 distributor. A person is controlled by a manufacturer or distributor if  
6 the manufacturer or distributor has the authority directly or indirectly,  
7 by law or by agreement of the parties, to direct or influence the  
8 management and policies of the person. A franchise agreement with a  
9 Nebraska-licensed dealer which conforms to and is subject to the Motor  
10 Vehicle Industry Regulation Act is not control for purposes of this  
11 section.

12 (2) Except as provided in this section, a manufacturer or  
13 distributor shall not directly or indirectly:

14 (a) Own an interest in a franchise, franchisee, or consumer care or  
15 service facility, except that a manufacturer or distributor may hold  
16 stock in a publicly held franchise, franchisee, or consumer care or  
17 service facility so long as the manufacturer or distributor does not by  
18 virtue of holding such stock operate or control the franchise,  
19 franchisee, or consumer care or service facility;

20 (b) Operate or control a franchise, franchisee, or consumer care or  
21 service facility;

22 (c) Act in the capacity of a franchisee or motor vehicle dealer; or

23 (d) Own, operate, or control any consumer care or service facility  
24 or perform warranty or nonwarranty work on any vehicle manufactured by  
25 such manufacturer or distributor, unless such manufacturer or  
26 distributor:

27 (i) Manufactures and distributes electric vehicles; and

28 (ii) Is not nor has ever been a franchisor in this state.

29 (3) A manufacturer or distributor may own an interest in a  
30 franchisee or otherwise control a franchise for a period not to exceed  
31 twelve months after the date the manufacturer or distributor acquires the

1 franchise if:

2 (a) The person from whom the manufacturer or distributor acquired  
3 the franchise was a franchisee; and

4 (b) The franchise is for sale by the manufacturer or distributor.

5 (4) For purposes of broadening the diversity of its franchisees and  
6 enhancing opportunities for qualified persons who lack the resources to  
7 purchase a franchise outright, but for no other purpose, a manufacturer  
8 or distributor may temporarily own an interest in a franchise if the  
9 manufacturer's or distributor's participation in the franchise is in a  
10 bona fide relationship with a franchisee and the franchisee:

11 (a) Has made a significant investment in the franchise, which  
12 investment is subject to loss;

13 (b) Has an ownership interest in the franchise; and

14 (c) Operates the franchise under a plan to acquire full ownership of  
15 the franchise within a reasonable time and under reasonable terms and  
16 conditions.

17 (5) On a showing of good cause by a manufacturer or distributor, the  
18 board may extend the time limit set forth in subsection (3) of this  
19 section. An extension may not exceed twelve months. An application for an  
20 extension after the first extension is granted is subject to protest by a  
21 franchisee of the same line-make whose franchise is located in the same  
22 community as the franchise owned or controlled by the manufacturer or  
23 distributor.

24 (6) The prohibition in subdivision (2)(b) of this section shall not  
25 apply to any manufacturer of manufactured housing, ~~recreational~~  
26 ~~vehicles,~~ or trailers.

27 (7) The prohibitions set forth in subsection (2) of this section  
28 shall not apply to a manufacturer that:

29 (a) Does not own or operate more than two such dealers or dealership  
30 locations in this state;

31 (b) Owned, operated, or controlled a warranty repair or service

1 facility in this state as of January 1, 2016;

2 (c) Manufactures engines for installation in a motor-driven vehicle  
3 with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than sixteen thousand pounds  
4 for which motor-driven vehicle evidence of title is required as a  
5 condition precedent to registration under the laws of this state, if the  
6 manufacturer is not otherwise a manufacturer of motor vehicles; and

7 (d) Provides to dealers on substantially equal terms access to all  
8 support for completing repairs, including, but not limited to, parts and  
9 assemblies, training and technical service bulletins, and other  
10 information concerning repairs that the manufacturer provides to  
11 facilities owned, operated, or controlled by the manufacturer.

12 **Sec. 72.** Sections 60-1420 to 60-1440 shall not apply to any person,  
13 or business entity, that is engaging in manufacturing, distributing, or  
14 selling new recreational vehicles as defined in section 4 of this act.

15 **Sec. 73.** Section 60-1901, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
16 amended to read:

17 60-1901 (1) A motor vehicle is an abandoned vehicle:

18 (a) If left unattended, with no license plates or a valid In Transit  
19 ~~stickers~~ issued pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Registration Act affixed  
20 thereto, for more than six hours on any public property;

21 (b) If left unattended for more than twenty-four hours on any public  
22 property, except a portion thereof on which parking is legally permitted;

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

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

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

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

3 (2) An all-terrain vehicle, a utility-type vehicle, or a minibike is  
4 an abandoned vehicle:

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (4) For purposes of this section:

25 (a) Mobile home means a movable or portable dwelling constructed to  
26 be towed on its own chassis, connected to utilities, and designed with or  
27 without a permanent foundation for year-round living. It may consist of  
28 one or more units that can be telescoped when towed and expanded later  
29 for additional capacity, or of two or more units, separately towable but  
30 designed to be joined into one integral unit, and shall include a  
31 manufactured home as defined in section 71-4603. Mobile home does not

1 include a mobile home or manufactured home for which an affidavit of  
2 affixture has been recorded pursuant to section 60-169;

3 (b) Public property means any public right-of-way, street, highway,  
4 alley, or park or other state, county, or municipally owned property; and

5 (c) Private property means any privately owned property which is not  
6 included within the definition of public property.

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

9 **Sec. 74.** Section 60-1902, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
10 amended to read:

11 60-1902 If an abandoned vehicle, at the time of abandonment, has no  
12 license plates of the current year or a valid In Transit ~~stickers~~ issued  
13 pursuant to section 60-376 affixed and is of a wholesale value, taking  
14 into consideration the condition of the vehicle, of five hundred dollars  
15 or less, title shall immediately vest in the local authority or state  
16 agency having jurisdiction thereof as provided in section 60-1904. Any  
17 certificate of title issued under this section to the local authority or  
18 state agency shall be issued at no cost to such authority or agency.

19 **Sec. 75.** Section 71-4603, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
20 2024, is amended to read:

21 71-4603 For purposes of the Uniform Standard Code for Manufactured  
22 Homes and Recreational Vehicles, unless the context otherwise requires:

23 (1) Camping trailer means a vehicular portable unit mounted on  
24 wheels and constructed with collapsible partial side walls which fold for  
25 towing by another vehicle and unfold at the campsite to provide temporary  
26 living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use;

27 (2) Commission means the Public Service Commission;

28 (3) Dealer means a person licensed by the state pursuant to the  
29 Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Act as a dealer in manufactured homes  
30 or recreational vehicles or any other person, other than a manufacturer,  
31 who sells, offers to sell, distributes, or leases manufactured homes or

1 new recreational vehicles primarily to persons who in good faith purchase  
2 or lease a manufactured home or new recreational vehicle for purposes  
3 other than resale;

4 (4) Defect means a failure to conform to an applicable construction  
5 standard that renders the manufactured home or recreational vehicle or  
6 any component of the manufactured home or recreational vehicle not fit  
7 for the ordinary use for which it was intended but does not result in an  
8 unreasonable risk of injury or death to occupants;

9 (5) Distributor means any person engaged in the sale and  
10 distribution of manufactured homes or recreational vehicles for resale;

11 (6) Failure to conform means a defect, a serious defect,  
12 noncompliance, or an imminent safety hazard related to the code;

13 (7) Fifth-wheel trailer means a unit mounted on wheels, designed to  
14 provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel  
15 use, of such size or weight as not to require a special highway movement  
16 permit, and designed to be towed by a motorized vehicle that contains a  
17 towing mechanism that is mounted above or forward of the tow vehicle's  
18 rear axle;

19 (8) Gross trailer area means the total plan area measured on the  
20 exterior to the maximum horizontal projections of exterior wall in the  
21 setup mode and includes all siding, corner trims, moldings, storage  
22 spaces, expandable room sections regardless of height, and areas enclosed  
23 by windows but does not include roof overhangs. Storage lofts contained  
24 within the basic unit shall have ceiling heights less than five feet and  
25 shall not constitute additional square footage. Appurtenances, as defined  
26 in subdivision (2)(k) of section 60-6,288, shall not be considered in  
27 calculating the gross trailer area as provided in such subdivision;

28 (9) Imminent safety hazard means a hazard that presents an imminent  
29 and unreasonable risk of death or severe personal injury;

30 (10) Manufactured home means a structure, transportable in one or  
31 more sections, which in the traveling mode is eight body feet or more in

1 width or forty body feet or more in length or when erected on site is  
2 three hundred twenty or more square feet and which is built on a  
3 permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a  
4 permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities and  
5 includes the plumbing, heating, air conditioning, and electrical systems  
6 contained in the structure, except that manufactured home includes any  
7 structure that meets all of the requirements of this subdivision other  
8 than the size requirements and with respect to which the manufacturer  
9 voluntarily files a certification required by the United States Secretary  
10 of Housing and Urban Development and complies with the standards  
11 established under the National Manufactured Housing Construction and  
12 Safety Standards Act of 1974, as such act existed on September 1, 2001,  
13 42 U.S.C. 5401 et seq.;

14 (11) Manufactured-home construction means all activities relating to  
15 the assembly and manufacture of a manufactured home, including, but not  
16 limited to, activities relating to durability, quality, and safety;

17 (12) Manufactured-home safety means the performance of a  
18 manufactured home in such a manner that the public is protected against  
19 any unreasonable risk of the occurrence of accidents due to the design or  
20 construction of such manufactured home or any unreasonable risk of death  
21 or injury to the user or to the public if such accidents do occur;

22 (13) Manufacturer means any person engaged in manufacturing,  
23 assembling, or completing manufactured homes or recreational vehicles;

24 (14) Motor home means a vehicular unit primarily designed to provide  
25 temporary living quarters which are built into an integral part of, or  
26 permanently attached to, a self-propelled motor vehicle chassis or van,  
27 containing permanently installed independent life-support systems that  
28 meet the state standard for recreational vehicles and providing at least  
29 four of the following facilities: Cooking; refrigeration or ice box;  
30 self-contained toilet; heating, air conditioning, or both; a potable  
31 water supply system including a faucet and sink; separate one-hundred-

1 twenty-nominal-volt electrical power supply; or LP gas supply;

2 (15) Noncompliance means a failure to comply with an applicable  
3 construction standard that does not constitute a defect, a serious  
4 defect, or an imminent safety hazard;

5 (16) Park model recreational vehicle means a vehicular unit which  
6 meets the following criteria:

7 (a) Is designed and marketed as temporary living quarters for  
8 recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use;

9 (b) Is not permanently affixed to real property for use as a  
10 permanent dwelling;

11 (c) Is built on a single chassis mounted on wheels with a gross  
12 trailer area not exceeding four hundred square feet in the set up mode;  
13 and

14 (d) Is certified by the manufacturer as complying with the ANSI  
15 A119.5 Park Model Recreational Vehicle Standard of the American National  
16 Standards Institute, 2025 ~~2020~~ edition;

17 (17) Person means any individual, partnership, limited liability  
18 company, company, corporation, or association engaged in manufacturing,  
19 selling, offering to sell, or leasing manufactured homes or recreational  
20 vehicles;

21 (18) Purchaser means the first person purchasing a manufactured home  
22 or recreational vehicle in good faith for purposes other than resale;

23 (19) Recreational vehicle means a vehicular type unit primarily  
24 designed as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or  
25 travel use, which unit either has its own motive power or is mounted on  
26 or towed by another vehicle. Recreational vehicle includes, but is not  
27 limited to, any travel trailer, park model recreational vehicle, camping  
28 trailer, truck camper, and motor home ~~, and van conversion~~;

29 (20) Seal means a device or insignia issued by the Department of  
30 Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure prior to May 1, 1998,  
31 or by the Public Service Commission on or after May 1, 1998, to be

1 displayed on the exterior of a manufactured home or recreational vehicle  
2 to evidence compliance with state standards. The federal manufactured-  
3 home label shall be recognized as a seal;

4 (21) Serious defect means a failure to conform to an applicable  
5 construction standard that renders the manufactured home or recreational  
6 vehicle or any component of the manufactured home or recreational vehicle  
7 not fit for the ordinary use for which it was intended and which results  
8 in an unreasonable risk of injury or death to the occupants;

9 (22) Travel trailer means a vehicular unit mounted on wheels,  
10 designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping,  
11 or travel use of such size or weight as not to require special highway  
12 movement permits when towed by a motorized vehicle;

13 (23) Truck camper means a portable unit constructed to provide  
14 temporary living quarters for recreational, travel, or camping use,  
15 consisting of a roof, floor, and sides and designed to be loaded onto and  
16 unloaded from the bed of a pickup truck; and

17 (24) Van conversion means a completed vehicle permanently altered  
18 cosmetically, structurally, or both which has been recertified by the  
19 state as a multipurpose passenger vehicle but which does not conform to  
20 or otherwise meet the definition of a motor home in this section and  
21 which contains at least one plumbing, heating, or one-hundred-twenty-  
22 nominal-volt electrical component subject to the provisions of the state  
23 standard for recreational vehicles. Van conversion does not include any  
24 such vehicle that lacks any plumbing, heating, or one-hundred-twenty-  
25 nominal-volt electrical system but contains an extension of the low-  
26 voltage automotive circuitry.

27 **Sec. 76.** The Women Veterans Cash Fund is created. The fund shall be  
28 administered by the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The fund shall  
29 consist of money credited pursuant to section 60-3,163.02. The fund may  
30 be used by the department for events that focus on women veterans. Any  
31 money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state

1 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the  
2 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

3 **Sec. 77.** (1) The University of Nebraska State Museum License Plate  
4 Cash Fund is created and shall be administered by the Board of Regents of  
5 the University of Nebraska. The fund shall include money credited  
6 pursuant to section 60-3,163.02, gifts, grants, bequests, private  
7 contributions, and money from any public or private source. Any money in  
8 the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state  
9 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the  
10 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

11 (2) Money in the fund shall be used for promoting understanding,  
12 appreciation, and stewardship of science and natural history through  
13 research, public education, and outreach at museums managed by the  
14 University of Nebraska.

15 **Sec. 78.** (1) The Military Department Aid Fund is created. The  
16 Adjutant General shall administer the fund. The fund shall consist of  
17 gifts, grants, bequests, money received from any public or private  
18 source, money credited pursuant to section 60-3,122.04, and money  
19 transferred to the fund by the Legislature.

20 (2) Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested  
21 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital  
22 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Any interest  
23 or realized capital gains from any such investment shall be credited to  
24 the Military Department Aid Fund.

25 (3) The Military Department Aid Fund shall only be used pursuant to  
26 this section.

27 (4) The Adjutant General may award grants from the Military  
28 Department Aid Fund pursuant to section 79 of this act.

29 **Sec. 79.** (1) Beginning on January 1, 2027, a member of the Military  
30 Department may apply to the Adjutant General for a grant under this  
31 section. The Adjutant General shall prescribe the form for the

1 application.

2 (2) The Adjutant General may award a grant to any member of the  
3 Military Department who applies under this section and meets the  
4 qualifications of an eligible grant recipient that are adopted and  
5 promulgated in rules and regulations by the Adjutant General.

6 (3) The State of Nebraska shall not require or request any recipient  
7 of a grant awarded under this section to reimburse any money received  
8 from such grant.

9 (4) No later than January 1, 2027, the Adjutant General shall adopt  
10 and promulgate rules and regulations for the qualifications of an  
11 eligible grant recipient. Any such rules and regulations shall limit the  
12 eligible recipients of any grant awarded under this section to needy  
13 uniformed service members of the Military Department.

14 (5) The Adjutant General may adopt and promulgate rules and  
15 regulations to carry out this section.

16 **Sec. 80.** (1) The Back the Blue Cash Fund is created and shall be  
17 administered by the Nebraska State Patrol. The fund shall consist of  
18 gifts, grants, bequests, money received from any public or private  
19 source, money credited pursuant to section 60-3,163.02, and money  
20 transferred to the fund by the Legislature.

21 (2) Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested  
22 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital  
23 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Any interest  
24 or realized capital gains from any such investment shall be credited to  
25 the Back the Blue Cash Fund.

26 (3)(a) The fund shall only be used pursuant to this section.

27 (b) The Nebraska State Patrol may award grants from the fund  
28 pursuant to section 81 of this act.

29 (c) The fund shall not be used for buying any equipment for or  
30 paying any salary or cost for the Nebraska State Patrol.

31 **Sec. 81.** (1) For purposes of this section:

1       (a) Eligible purpose means:

2       (i) Providing support to any:

3       (A) Injured law enforcement personnel;

4       (B) Spouse of any injured or deceased law enforcement personnel; or

5       (C) Child of any injured or deceased law enforcement personnel if  
6 such child is under the age of nineteen years old; or

7       (ii) Conducting any charitable activity that supports the residents  
8 of this state; and

9       (b) Qualified applicant means any association that represents  
10 personnel of any law enforcement agency in this state.

11       (2) A qualified applicant may apply to the Nebraska State Patrol for  
12 a grant under this section. The Nebraska State Patrol shall prescribe the  
13 form for the application.

14       (3) The Nebraska State Patrol may award a grant to any qualified  
15 applicant who applies under this section for an eligible purpose.

16       (4) The State of Nebraska shall not require or request any recipient  
17 of a grant awarded under this section to reimburse any money received  
18 from such grant.

19       (5) No later than January 1, 2027, the Nebraska State Patrol shall  
20 prescribe the form for grant applications under this section.

21       (6) The Nebraska State Patrol may adopt and promulgate rules and  
22 regulations to carry out this section.

23       **Sec. 82.** (1) The Developmental Disabilities Provider Capital and  
24 Equipment Maintenance Cash Fund is created and shall be administered by  
25 the Department of Health and Human Services. The fund shall consist of  
26 gifts, grants, bequests, money received from any public or private  
27 source, money credited pursuant to section 60-3,163.02, and money  
28 transferred to the fund by the Legislature.

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

1       (3)(a) The fund shall only be used pursuant to this section.

2       (b) The Department of Health and Human Services may award grants  
3 from the fund pursuant to section 83 of this act.

4       (c) The fund shall not be used for the general operation or  
5 administration of the state's developmental disabilities program.

6       **Sec. 83.** (1) For purposes of this section:

7       (a) Department means the Department of Health and Human Services;

8       (b) Eligible purpose means any upgrade, modernization, renovation,  
9 maintenance, or new purchase of the following that are used by a provider  
10 to provide any developmental disability service:

11       (i) The transportation fleet that is used to provide support to or  
12 to transport any individual with a developmental disability;

13       (ii) Any physical infrastructure or safety feature, including any  
14 feature that is used to reinforce any space that is used to provide any  
15 developmental disability service, safety glass, any perimeter security  
16 feature, and any other physical improvement that is meant to protect any  
17 client or staff member of a provider;

18       (iii) Any technology or remote-support infrastructure that is used  
19 to support or monitor any client, staff member, or facility  
20 infrastructure of a provider. Such technology or remote-support  
21 infrastructure includes any sensor, smart-home automation feature, and  
22 broadband infrastructure; and

23       (iv) Any facility to increase capacity for clients or optimize space  
24 that is available for clients or the provision of any developmental  
25 disability service, including any facility floorplan efficiency  
26 improvement and installation of any amenity or restroom; and

27       (c) Provider means any entity that is under contract with the  
28 department to provide any specialized or assisted service under section  
29 83-1217.

30       (2) A provider may apply to the department for a grant under this  
31 section. The department shall prescribe the form for the application.

1       (3) The department may award a grant to any qualified applicant who  
2 applies under this section for an eligible purpose.

3       (4) No later than January 1, 2027, the department shall prescribe  
4 the form for grant applications under this section.

5       (5) The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to  
6 carry out this section.

7       **Sec. 84.** Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14,  
8 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32,  
9 33, 62, 65, 66, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 75, and 85 of this act become  
10 operative on October 1, 2026. The other sections of this act become  
11 operative on their effective date.

12       **Sec. 85.** Original sections 60-1402, 60-1430.02, and 60-1437,  
13 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 60-1401, 60-1438.01, and  
14 71-4603, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections  
15 60-6,290 and 60-1438, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, are repealed.

16       **Sec. 86.** Original sections 18-1736, 37-1278.01, 60-362, 60-376,  
17 60-378, 60-3,164, 60-3,167, 60-479, 60-4,112, 60-4,114, 60-4,114.01,  
18 60-4,118.01, 60-4,121, 60-529, 60-6,340, 60-1411.01, 60-1901, and  
19 60-1902, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 60-3,135.01,  
20 60-3,221, 60-462, and 60-4,122, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
21 2024, and sections 28-306, 60-301, 60-302, 60-386, 60-3,100, 60-3,104,  
22 60-3,122.03, 60-3,122.04, 60-3,163.02, and 60-6,356, Revised Statutes  
23 Supplement, 2025, are repealed.

24       **Sec. 87.** The following section is outright repealed: Section  
25 60-6,341, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.