

**FISCAL NOTE**  
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)					
EXPENDITURES	GENERAL	CASH	FEDERAL	REVOLVING	TOTAL
FY2025-2026	0	0	0	0	0
FY2026-2027	0	0	0	0	0
FY2027-2028	0	0	0	0	0
FY2028-2029	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUE	GENERAL	CASH	FEDERAL	REVOLVING	TOTAL
FY2025-2026	0	0	0	0	0
FY2026-2027	0	0	0	0	0
FY2027-2028	0	0	0	0	0
FY2028-2029	0	0	0	0	0

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

LB1223 would amend §60-6,221 to add specifications as to the maximum allowed light intensity and color temperature for motor vehicle headlights, and the height of the mounted headlights. The bill exempts authorized emergency vehicles from the color restrictions. Furthermore, this bill mandates that the headlights not be substantially altered from their original manufacturer design and in compliance with the federal safety standards as of January 1, 2026. This bill under §60-6,224 stipulates that a driver must dim their headlights when within one thousand feet of oncoming traffic, or within 400 feet of the back of a vehicle they are either following or in the process of passing. Finally, this bill would make it unlawful for motor vehicle dealers, manufacturers, and distributors under §60-1411.03 to sell or distribute vehicles equipped with headlights that violate the above new stipulations.

This bill would become effective three calendar months after the adjournment of the Legislature.

Expenditures:

The Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board (MVILB) is anticipating unknown expenses related to the bill. The agency is responsible for measuring a headlight's intensity and color temperature to see if the headlights meet the requirements as set out in this bill.

Although the exact amount is unknown at this time, there would likely be an expenditure for specialized mobile testing equipment for each investigator and more workload. These expenditures may need additional appropriation in the future, depending on the cost of the equipment and the number of complaints brought.

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) nor the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) both are anticipating no fiscal impact.

There is no basis to disagree with the agencies' estimates.

Technical Note: The new subsection §60-1411.03 (24) is currently placed under the advertising section §60-1411.03, instead it may belong in §60-1411.02 related to investigations and fines.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 1223 AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Motor Vehicles		
REVIEWED BY:	Ashley Dempsey	DATE: 1/29/26	PHONE: (402) 326-2182
COMMENTS: Concur with the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles' assessment of no fiscal impact from LB 1223.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 1223 AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Transportation		
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COMMENTS: Concur with the Nebraska Department of Transportation's assessment of no fiscal impact from LB 1223.			

State Agency OR Political Subdivision  
Name: <sup>(2)</sup>

Motor Vehicles

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Date Prepared: <sup>(4)</sup> 1/23/26

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION				
	FY 2026-27		FY 2027-28	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Explanation of Estimate:

No Fiscal Impact

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE				
Personal Services:				
POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2026-27	2027-28
	26-27	27-28	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
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Operating.....				
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Travel.....				
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Capital				
outlay.....				
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Capital				
improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				

State Agency OR Political Subdivision  
Name: <sup>(2)</sup>

Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION				
	FY 2026-27		FY 2027-28	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Explanation of Estimate:

There would likely be an expenditure if any specialized testing equipment that our five investigators would need to correctly measure a headlight's intensity and color to verify that it does not exceed 3,000 lumens and 6,000 kelvin. But the actual cost is unknown at this time.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE				
Personal Services:				
POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2026-27	2027-28
	26-27	27-28	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
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Operating.....				
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Travel.....				
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Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
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Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				

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LB<sup>(1)</sup> 1223

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Nebraska Department of Transportation

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2026-27</u>		<u>FY 2027-28</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Explanation of Estimate:

LB1223 updates headlight compliance standards and requires vehicle dealers to sell only motor vehicles that meet the regulatory requirements. The bill also requires drivers to dim their headlights when operating a motor vehicle within one hundred feet of another vehicle on any highway. While following or passing another vehicle, headlights would be required to be dimmed from a minimum distance of four hundred feet or the headlight tilted downward.

No fiscal impact to Nebraska Department of Transportation is anticipated.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2026-27</u>	<u>2027-28</u>
	<u>26-27</u>	<u>27-28</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Benefits.....				
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TOTAL.....				