

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB372

Hearing Date: Monday March 09, 2009
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Campbell
One Liner: Change provisions relating to the release of driver's license digital images or digital signatures

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Fischer, Campbell, Gay, Hadley, Janssen, Lautenbaugh,
Louden, Stuthman

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Kathy Campbell
Beverly Neth
John Falgione
Eric Dunning

Representing:

Introducer
Department of Motor Vehicles
State Fire Marshal
Nebraska Department of Insurance

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 372 authorizes the release of a digital image or digital signature to a state agency's investigating law enforcement officer.

Current law prohibits the DMV or law enforcement officer from releasing the information except to a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency, or other state driver licensing agency. The bill adds to the exception a certified law enforcement officer employed in an investigative position by a state agency.

The bill changes the penalty for knowingly releasing the information in violation of this section from a Class IV felony (max 5 years jail and/or \$10,000 fine) to a Class I misdemeanor (max 1 year jail and/or \$1000 fine).

LB 372 also strikes the language that subjects the violator to removal from office in the discretion of the Governor or agency head.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment, AM 643, makes one change to the bill. In addition to a state investigating officer having access to digital images and signatures, the amendment authorizes a certified federal law enforcement officer in an investigative position to obtain a digital image or signature.

Deb Fischer, Chairperson