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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB216

Chairperson: Senator Deb Fischer

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

Date of Hearing:

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 216 defines a “vehicle of special interest” as a motor vehicle which is essentially unaltered from the original manufacturer’s specifications and because of its present or future significance in design is being collected, preserved, restored or maintained by the owner as a leisure pursuit and not used for general transportation of persons or cargo. Other states use this definition to designate collector cars.

LB 216 then authorizes owners of “vehicles of special interest” to operate collector vehicles on Nebraska’s roads displaying a single license plate on the rear of the vehicle if the following conditions are met:

The owner is a current member of a recognized car club under Section 60-142.03 R.S. Supp. 2010

- The owner must submit an sworn statement that:
 - The special interest vehicle will not be used for general daily transportation, to transport passengers for hire, nor haul material weighing more than 500 pounds,
 - The owner owns or operates one or more vehicles with regular license plates which are used for regular transportation and identifies such vehicle,
- The owner pays an additional fee of \$50 (\$25 to the DMV/\$25 to the Highway Trust Fund) for each vehicle registered as a special interest vehicle,
- Proof of the owner’s current membership in the recognized car club must be displayed in the form of a sticker on the lower corner of the windshield of the passenger’s side of the special interest vehicle; and;
- The rear plate is required to bear a distinctive marking or sticker as prescribed by the DMV to facilitate enforcement of the law’s requirements.
- A violation of the law is a Class III Misdemeanor which carries a maximum penalty of three months imprisonment and a \$500 fine or both.

Nebraska law currently permits owners of historical vehicles to operate such vehicles on the roads of Nebraska with a single plate on the rear of the vehicle under Section 60-3,130.04 R. S. Supp 2010. LB 216 extends this option to the owners of collector vehicles.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Colby Coash