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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB83

Chairperson: Senator Annette Dubas

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

Date of Hearing: February 12, 2013

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

Current Nebraska law requires motorists to continuously signal intent to turn for 100 feet before making a turn. Should the motorist decide to turn left or right after the 100 foot point it is possible to end up in an impossible situation. Imagine approaching a stop sign at a dead end or obstructed intersection. Up to the point of stopping at the intersection, the motorist's conduct has been absolutely legal, but it is now impossible to go forward. Since no signal was given it is illegal to turn left or right. It is illegal to back up against traffic to take another run at it. Traffic is impeded if the motorist just sits there in the lane of traffic. Putting innocent people in such a predicament makes the law unenforceable. Usually such a situation is resolved through the common sense of law enforcement. However, that is not always the case. This bill permits late signaling if done for a reasonable period of time and, in fact, makes it enforceable by removing the Constitutional objections.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Paul Schumacher