

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB181

Hearing Date: Monday January 26, 2015
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Smith
One Liner: Change rotating and flashing light provisions for motor vehicles

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Smith, Seiler, Murante, McCoy, Friesen, Garrett, Davis, Brasch
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Jim Smith
Kristen Gottschalk
Randal Evans

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Rural Electric Association
Norris Public Power District, Nebraska Power Association, and Nebraska Rural Electric Association

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

The bill amends section 60-6,230, operation of motor vehicles with a rotating or flashing light.

Currently this section provides that the following rotating or flashing lights may be displayed as follows:

- 1) amber colored lights may be displayed on vehicles of the military department when on any state emergency mission;
- 2) a single white light may be displayed on the roof of school transportation vehicles; and
- 3) blue and amber lights may be displayed on snow plows operated by the state or any local authority.

The section is amended to provide that a blue and amber rotating or flashing light may be displayed on vehicles operated by any public utility for the construction, maintenance, and repair of utility infrastructure on or near any highway.

Explanation of amendments:

The Committee considered and adopted an amendment which provides the following:

The words "owned and" are inserted on page 2, line 19 following "vehicle" to clarify that a public utility vehicle displaying a blue and white light must be owned and operated by such utility.

Jim Smith, Chairperson