

AMENDMENTS TO LB972
(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER132)

Introduced by Moser, 22.

1 1. Strike section 51 and insert the following new sections:

2 **Sec. 51.** Section 60-3,163.02, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
3 amended to read:

4 60-3,163.02 The department shall issue the following types of
5 alternate license plates pursuant to this section and sections 60-3,104,
6 60-3,163, and 60-3,163.01:

7 (1) Arbor Day Plates. The department shall design such license
8 plates in consultation with the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum and a
9 nonprofit organization holding a certificate of exemption under section
10 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code with a mission to inspire people
11 to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. The design of such plates shall
12 represent the history and importance of Arbor Day in Nebraska. The
13 designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for Arbor Day
14 Plates is the Home of Arbor Day Plate Cash Fund. ~~A person may apply for~~
15 ~~Arbor Day Plates beginning on January 1, 2026;~~

16 (2) Back the Blue License Plates. The department shall design such
17 license plates in consultation with associations that represent personnel
18 of any law enforcement agency in Nebraska. The design of such license
19 plates shall represent support for law enforcement personnel. The
20 designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for Back the Blue
21 License Plates is the Back the Blue Cash Fund. A person may apply for
22 Back the Blue License Plates beginning on January 1, 2027;

23 (3) Blackout License Plates. The department shall design such
24 license plates so that (a) a solid black background covers the entire
25 front of the license plates and (b) the license plate designations use
26 white characters. Each application for initial issuance or renewal or

1 alphanumeric or personalized message Blackout License Plates shall be
2 accompanied by a fee of one hundred dollars. The designated recipient for
3 alternate license plate fees for Blackout License Plates is the
4 Developmental Disabilities Provider Capital and Equipment Maintenance
5 Cash Fund. Fees collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be remitted
6 to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit thirty percent
7 of such fees to the designated recipient for alternate license plate fees
8 and seventy percent of such fees to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash
9 Fund. A person may apply for Blackout License Plates beginning on January
10 1, 2027;

11 (4) ~~(2)~~ Breast Cancer Awareness Plates. The department shall design
12 such license plates to include a pink ribbon and the words "early
13 detection saves lives" along the bottom of the license plate. The
14 designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for Breast Cancer
15 Awareness Plates is the University of Nebraska Medical Center for the
16 breast cancer navigator program;

17 (5) Choice Color Plates. The department shall design two of such
18 license plates so that (a) a single solid-color background covers the
19 entire front of the license plates and (b) the license plate designations
20 use white characters. The options for single solid-color backgrounds
21 shall be green and blue. Each application for initial issuance or renewal
22 of alphanumeric Choice Color Plates shall be accompanied by a fee of
23 seventy dollars. Each application for initial issuance or renewal of
24 personalized message Choice Color Plates shall be accompanied by a fee of
25 one hundred dollars. The designated recipient for alternate license plate
26 fees for Choice Color Plates is the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash
27 Fund. Fees collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be remitted to
28 the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit one hundred percent
29 of such fees to the designated recipient for alternate license plate
30 fees. A person may apply for Choice Color Plates beginning on January 1,
31 2027;

1 (6) ~~(3)~~ Choose Life License Plates. The department shall design such
2 license plates to reflect support for the protection of Nebraska's
3 children. The designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for
4 Choose Life License Plates is the Health and Human Services Cash Fund to
5 supplement federal funds available to the Department of Health and Human
6 Services for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, 42
7 U.S.C. 601 et seq.;

8 (7) ~~(4)~~ Czech Heritage Plates. The department, in consultation with
9 the Czech Honorary Consul of Nebraska, shall design such license plates
10 to reflect Czech heritage in Nebraska. The designated recipient for
11 alternate license plate fees for Czech Heritage Plates is the Department
12 of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund;

13 (8) ~~(5)~~ Donate Life Plates. The department shall design such license
14 plates to reflect support for organ and tissue donation, registration as
15 a donor on the Donor Registry of Nebraska, and the federally designated
16 organ procurement organization for Nebraska. The designated recipient for
17 alternate license plate fees for Donate Life Plates is the Organ and
18 Tissue Donor Awareness and Education Fund;

19 (9) ~~(6)~~ Down Syndrome Awareness Plates. The department shall design
20 such license plates to include the words "Down syndrome awareness" inside
21 a heart-shaped yellow and blue ribbon. The designated recipient for
22 alternate license plate fees for Down Syndrome Awareness Plates is the
23 University of Nebraska Medical Center for the Down Syndrome Clinic;

24 (10) Honoring Women Veterans. The department shall design such
25 license plates, in consultation with a nongovernment organization that
26 provides support to veterans, to depict a woman soldier and to include
27 the words "women veterans" along the top of the license plates and
28 "honoring her service" along the bottom of the license plates. The
29 designated recipient for Honoring Women Veterans license plates is the
30 Women Veterans Cash Fund. A person may apply for Honoring Women Veterans
31 license plates beginning on January 1, 2027;

1 (11) ~~(7)~~ Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water Plates. The department
2 shall design such license plates to include a blue background with the
3 head of an otter surfacing above water surrounded by the words "Josh the
4 Otter-Be Safe Around Water". The designated recipient for alternate
5 license plate fees for Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water Plates is the
6 Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water Cash Fund;

7 (12) ~~(8)~~ Mountain Lion Conservation Plates. The department shall
8 design such license plates to reflect support for the conservation of the
9 mountain lion population. The designated recipient for alternate license
10 plate fees for Mountain Lion Conservation Plates is the Game and Parks
11 Commission Educational Fund;

12 (13) ~~(9)~~ Native American Cultural Awareness and History Plates. The
13 department, in consultation with the Commission on Indian Affairs, shall
14 design license plates that reflect the unique culture and history of
15 Native American tribes historically and currently located in Nebraska.
16 The designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for Native
17 American Cultural Awareness and History Plates is the Native American
18 Scholarship and Leadership Fund;

19 (14)(a) ~~(10)(a)~~ Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates. The department
20 shall design such license plates to (i) include the word "Cornhuskers" or
21 "Huskers" prominently in the design, (ii) use scarlet and cream colors in
22 the design or such other similar colors as the department determines to
23 best represent the official team colors of the University of Nebraska
24 Cornhuskers athletic programs and to provide suitable reflection and
25 contrast, (iii) use cream or a similar color for the background of the
26 design and scarlet or a similar color for the printing, and (iv) create a
27 design reflecting support for the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers
28 athletic programs in consultation with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
29 Athletic Department.

30 (b) Alphanumeric Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates shall (i) be
31 consecutively numbered beginning with the number one and use numbers that

1 are a size that maximizes legibility, and (ii) not use a county
2 designation or any characters other than numbers on the spirit plates.

3 (c) Personalized message Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates shall be
4 issued subject to the same conditions specified for personalized message
5 license plates in subsection (2) of section 60-3,118. The characters used
6 shall consist only of letters, numerals, or a combination of letters and
7 numerals of the same size and design specified in section 60-3,100. A
8 maximum of seven characters may be used.

9 (d) Each application for initial issuance or renewal of Nebraska
10 Cornhusker Spirit Plates shall be accompanied by a fee of seventy
11 dollars. Fees collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be remitted to
12 the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit sixty percent of
13 the fee to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and forty percent
14 of the fee to the designated recipient for alternate license plate fees.

15 (e) The designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for
16 Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates is the Highway Trust Fund;

17 (15) ~~(11)~~ Nebraska History Plates. The department shall design such
18 license plates in consultation with the Nebraska State Historical Society
19 to reflect the importance of historical preservation in Nebraska and the
20 value of our shared Nebraska history. The designated recipient for
21 alternate license plate fees for Nebraska History Plates is the Support
22 Nebraska History Cash Fund;

23 (16) ~~(12)~~ Pets for Vets Plates. The department shall design such
24 license plates to support veterans and companion or therapy pet animals.
25 The designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for Pets for
26 Vets Plates is the Pets for Vets Cash Fund;

27 (17) ~~(13)~~ Prostate Cancer Awareness Plates. The department shall
28 design such license plates to include a light blue ribbon and the words
29 "early detection saves lives" along the bottom of the license plate. The
30 designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for Prostate Cancer
31 Awareness Plates is the University of Nebraska Medical Center for the

1 Nebraska Prostate Cancer Research Program;

2 ~~(18)~~ ~~(14)~~ Sammy's Superheroes license plates for childhood cancer
3 awareness. The department shall design such license plates to include a
4 blue handprint over a yellow ribbon and the words "childhood cancer
5 awareness". The designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for
6 Sammy's Superheroes license plates for childhood cancer awareness is the
7 University of Nebraska Medical Center for pediatric cancer research;

8 (19) Scarlet and Cream License Plates. The department shall design
9 such license plates so that (a) a scarlet-colored background covers the
10 entire front of the license plates and (b) the license plate designations
11 use cream-colored characters. Each application for initial issuance or
12 renewal of alphanumeric Scarlet and Cream License Plates shall be
13 accompanied by a fee of seventy dollars. Each application for initial
14 issuance or renewal of personalized message Scarlet and Cream License
15 Plates shall be accompanied by a fee of one hundred dollars. The
16 designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for Scarlet and
17 Cream License Plates is the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund. All
18 fees collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be remitted to the
19 State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.
20 A person may apply for Scarlet and Cream License Plates beginning on
21 January 1, 2027;

22 ~~(20)~~ ~~(15)~~ Support the Arts Plates. The department shall design such
23 license plates in consultation with the Nebraska Arts Council to reflect
24 support for the arts in Nebraska. The designated recipient for alternate
25 license plate fees for Support the Arts Plates is the Support the Arts
26 Cash Fund;

27 ~~(21)(a)~~ ~~(16)(a)~~ Support Our Troops Plates. The department shall
28 design such license plates to reflect support for troops from all
29 branches of the armed forces. The designated recipient for alternate
30 license plate fees for Support Our Troops Plates is the Veterans
31 Employment Program Fund.

1 (b)(i) Each application for initial issuance or renewal of
2 alphanumeric Support Our Troops Plates shall be accompanied by a fee of
3 five dollars. The State Treasurer shall credit five dollars of the fee to
4 the designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for Support Our
5 Troops Plates.

6 (ii) Each application for initial issuance or renewal of
7 personalized message Support Our Troops Plates shall be accompanied by a
8 fee of seventy dollars. Twenty-five percent of such fee shall be credited
9 to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and seventy-five percent of
10 such fee shall be credited to the designated recipient for alternate
11 license plate fees for Support Our Troops Plates;

12 (22) ~~(17)~~ The Good Life Is Outside Plates. The department shall
13 design such license plates to reflect the importance of safe walking and
14 biking in Nebraska and the value of our recreational trails. The
15 designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for The Good Life
16 Is Outside Plates is the Game and Parks State Park Improvement and
17 Maintenance Fund for the purpose of trail improvement and maintenance;
18 and

19 (23) University of Nebraska State Museum License Plates. The
20 department shall create no more than three designs for such license
21 plates in consultation with the University of Nebraska and a nonprofit
22 organization holding a certificate of exemption under section 501(c)(3)
23 of the Internal Revenue Code with a mission to support the University of
24 Nebraska in education and research. Such designs shall reflect support
25 for museums managed by the University of Nebraska, including Ashfall
26 Fossil Beds, Morrill Hall, and Trailside Museum. The designated recipient
27 for alternate license plate fees for University of Nebraska State Museum
28 License Plates is the University of Nebraska State Museum License Plate
29 Cash Fund. A person may apply for University of Nebraska State Museum
30 License Plates beginning on January 1, 2027; and

31 (24) ~~(18)~~ Wildlife Conservation Plates. The department shall create

1 no more than three designs for such license plates to reflect support for
2 the conservation of Nebraska wildlife, including sandhill cranes, bighorn
3 sheep, and ornate box turtles. The designated recipient for alternate
4 license plate fees for Wildlife Conservation Plates is the Wildlife
5 Conservation Fund.

6 Sec. 77. (1) The Back the Blue Cash Fund is created and shall be
7 administered by the Nebraska State Patrol. The fund shall consist of
8 gifts, grants, bequests, money received from any public or private
9 source, money credited pursuant to section 60-3,163.02, and money
10 transferred to the fund by the Legislature.

11 (2) Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested
12 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital
13 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Any interest
14 or realized capital gains from any such investment shall be credited to
15 the Back the Blue Cash Fund.

16 (3)(a) The fund shall only be used pursuant to this section.

17 (b) The Nebraska State Patrol may award grants from the fund
18 pursuant to section 78 of this act.

19 (c) The fund shall not be used for buying any equipment for or
20 paying any salary or cost for the Nebraska State Patrol.

21 Sec. 78. (1) For purposes of this section:

22 (a) Eligible purpose means:

23 (i) Providing support to any:

24 (A) Injured law enforcement personnel;

25 (B) Spouse of any injured or deceased law enforcement personnel; or

26 (C) Child of any injured or deceased law enforcement personnel if
27 such child is under the age of nineteen years old; or

28 (ii) Conducting any charitable activity that supports the residents
29 of this state; and

30 (b) Qualified applicant means any association that represents
31 personnel of any law enforcement agency in this state.

1 (2) A qualified applicant may apply to the Nebraska State Patrol for
2 a grant under this section. The Nebraska State Patrol shall prescribe the
3 form for the application.

4 (3) The Nebraska State Patrol may award a grant to any qualified
5 applicant who applies under this section for an eligible purpose.

6 (4) The State of Nebraska shall not require or request any recipient
7 of a grant awarded under this section to reimburse any money received
8 from such grant.

9 (5) No later than January 1, 2027, the Nebraska State Patrol shall
10 prescribe the form for grant applications under this section.

11 (6) The Nebraska State Patrol may adopt and promulgate rules and
12 regulations to carry out this section.

13 **Sec. 79.** (1) The Developmental Disabilities Provider Capital and
14 Equipment Maintenance Cash Fund is created and shall be administered by
15 the Department of Health and Human Services. The fund shall consist of
16 gifts, grants, bequests, money received from any public or private
17 source, money credited pursuant to section 60-3,163.02, and money
18 transferred to the fund by the Legislature.

19 (2) Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested
20 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital
21 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

22 (3)(a) The fund shall only be used pursuant to this section.

23 (b) The Department of Health and Human Services may award grants
24 from the fund pursuant to section 80 of this act.

25 (c) The fund shall not be used for the general operation or
26 administration of the state's developmental disabilities program.

27 **Sec. 80.** (1) For purposes of this section:

28 (a) Department means the Department of Health and Human Services;

29 (b) Eligible purpose means any upgrade, modernization, renovation,
30 maintenance, or new purchase of the following that are used by a provider
31 to provide any developmental disability service:

1 (i) The transportation fleet that is used to provide support to or
2 to transport any individual with a developmental disability;

3 (ii) Any physical infrastructure or safety feature, including any
4 feature that is used to reinforce any space that is used to provide any
5 developmental disability service, safety glass, any perimeter security
6 feature, and any other physical improvement that is meant to protect any
7 client or staff member of a provider;

8 (iii) Any technology or remote-support infrastructure that is used
9 to support or monitor any client, staff member, or facility
10 infrastructure of a provider. Such technology or remote-support
11 infrastructure includes any sensor, smart-home automation feature, and
12 broadband infrastructure; and

13 (iv) Any facility to increase capacity for clients or optimize space
14 that is available for clients or the provision of any developmental
15 disability service, including any facility floorplan efficiency
16 improvement and installation of any amenity or restroom; and

17 (c) Provider means any entity that is under contract with the
18 department to provide any specialized or assisted service under section
19 83-1217.

20 (2) A provider may apply to the department for a grant under this
21 section. The department shall prescribe the form for the application.

22 (3) The department may award a grant to any qualified applicant who
23 applies under this section for an eligible purpose.

24 (4) No later than January 1, 2027, the department shall prescribe
25 the form for grant applications under this section.

26 (5) The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to
27 carry out this section.

28 2. On page 91, line 15, strike "78" and insert "82".

29 3. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.