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Committee: Transportation

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to create the Nebraska
2 Commission on Motor Vehicle Laws; to state intent; to
3 provide duties; to provide a termination date; and to
4 declare an emergency.
5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) The Nebraska Commission on Motor Vehicle
2 Laws is created. The commission shall consist of not less than
3 twenty and not more than twenty-five persons appointed by the
4 Governor. The members of the commission shall include, but need
5 not be limited to, persons recognizing the importance of the motor
6 vehicle laws of this state, including how the current motor vehicle
7 laws deal with persons driving without a valid operator's license,
8 without proper registration of their motor vehicles, and without
9 current and effective proof of insurance.

10 (2) A range of expertise shall be represented on the
11 commission, including persons from the Department of Motor
12 Vehicles, the Department of Insurance, and the Department of Roads,
13 along with representatives from insurance companies, including
14 private and independent contractors, the Nebraska Trucking
15 Association, the Nebraska State Patrol, the Nebraska County
16 Attorney's Association, members of the general public, and members
17 of the Legislature who have indicated an interest in the motor
18 vehicle laws of this state. The commission may add additional
19 members after the initial members are appointed. Members of the
20 commission who are not state employees shall be reimbursed for
21 their actual and necessary expenses while engaged in the
22 performance of their duties on the commission pursuant to sections
23 81-1174 to 81-1177. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall be the
24 lead agency with assistance from the Transportation Committee of
25 the Legislature.

26 Sec. 2. The Nebraska Commission on Motor Vehicle Laws is
27 authorized to examine the effectiveness of the following:

28 (1) Sections 60-301, 60-302, 60-484, 60-528, and any

1 other motor vehicle laws the commission deems necessary to
2 determine the problems associated with unlicensed, underinsured,
3 and uninsured drivers and those persons driving unregistered motor
4 vehicles;

5 (2) Federal rules and regulations designed to increase
6 the effectiveness of enforcement and compliance with the motor
7 vehicle laws requiring operator's licenses, motor vehicle
8 registrations, and proof of financial responsibility. The
9 commission shall study the motor vehicle laws and other public
10 initiatives in other states, including any information about the
11 impact and effectiveness of the motor vehicle laws and initiatives,
12 and shall make specific recommendations to the Legislature
13 regarding motor vehicle legislation;

14 (3) The commission shall analyze, review, and suggest
15 recommendations as to whether or not recodification of Chapter 60
16 of the Nebraska statutes is necessary to increase enforcement
17 efforts and strengthen current motor vehicle laws; and

18 (4) Any other matters necessary and proper for a complete
19 examination of the issues.

20 Sec. 3. (1) The Nebraska Commission on Motor Vehicle
21 Laws shall gather data about the impact of the motor vehicle laws
22 of this state. The data shall be gathered by requesting
23 information from public and private sources, holding public
24 hearings, and other methods adopted by the commission.

25 (2) On or before December 31, 1999, the commission shall
26 report its findings to the Legislature and the Governor. The
27 report shall include an outline of the commission's activities,
28 findings, and recommendations, including how the Legislature may

1 address, through future legislation, any changes necessary to
2 ensure uniformity in the motor vehicle laws and provide effective
3 compliance throughout the state.

4 (3) The Nebraska Commission on Motor Vehicle Laws shall
5 terminate on January 1, 2000.

6 Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect
7 when passed and approved according to law.