



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2006
Committee Statement
LB 1069

Hearing Date: January 31, 2006

Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications

Introducer(s): (Byars)

Title: Change regulated motor carrier provisions relating to transportation of certain persons

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

- 8 Yes Senators Aguilar, Foley, Baker, Brown, Smith, Dw. Pedersen, Hudkins and Stuthman
 - No
 - Present, not voting
 - Absent
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Proponents:

Senator Dennis Byars
Linda Walker Gardels
Mark A. Smith

Kathy Hoell
Deborah L. Weston
Cortni Krusemark
Eric A. Evans
Mark J. Yoakum

Opponents:

Stephen A. Mason
John Boehm

Neutral:

Coleen Nielsen
James Cavanaugh
Dennis Loose

Representing:

Introducer, District #30
Nebraska Developmental Disabilities
Munroe-Meyer Institute Consumer Advisory
Board
Nebraska Statewide Independent Living Council
The Arc of Nebraska
Nebraska Occupational Therapy Association
Nebraska Advocacy Services, Inc.
Self

Representing:

Self; Insurance Agent
R & F Hobbies, Inc., dba Prince of the Road

Representing:

Nebraska Insurance Information Service
Independent Insurance Agents of Nebraska
Nebraska Department of Health & Human
Services

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

The bill changes regulated motor carrier provisions relating to the transportation of certain persons. **Section 1** adds new language providing that HHS shall reimburse the costs of transportation to a nonlegally responsible relative providing transportation to a person eligible to receive transportation services. The department shall reimburse the individuals for the costs incurred in the transport at a rate no greater than the reimbursement rate for state employees. **Section 2** amends §75-302 by adding an internal reference. **Section 3** amends §75-303(12) by exempting this type of carrier from the PSC regulations. The language reads “A motor vehicle operated by a nonlegally responsible relative under contract with HHS and who provides transportation to a family member on an intermittent basis. **Section 4** contains the repealer clause.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The committee amendment, AM2307, strikes sections 1 and 3. The amendment provides that HHS may reimburse the costs of transportation to an individual providing transportation to an eligible person. The individual must be under contract with HHS. The reimbursement rate is limited to the reimbursement rate for state employees. Transportation of an eligible person by an individual pursuant to this section does not constitute transportation for hire. The department is permitted to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to implement this section. The repealer clause is corrected.

Senator Tom Baker, Chairperson