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LEGISLATIVE BILL 934

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Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Registration Act; to
- 2 amend sections 60-399 and 60-3,164, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 3 Nebraska; to make certain license plate and validation decal
- 4 provisions secondary violations; to change penalties; to harmonize
- 5 provisions; and to repeal the original sections.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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1 Section 1. Section 60-399, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

- 2 amended to read:
- 3 60-399 (1) Except as otherwise specifically provided, no person
- 4 shall operate or park or cause to be operated or parked a motor vehicle
- 5 or tow or park or cause to be towed or parked a trailer on the highways
- 6 unless such motor vehicle or trailer has displayed the proper number of
- 7 plates as required in the Motor Vehicle Registration Act.
- 8 (2) In each registration period in which new license plates are not
- 9 issued, previously issued license plates shall have affixed thereto the
- 10 validation decals issued pursuant to section 60-3,101. In all cases such
- 11 license plates shall be securely fastened in an upright position to the
- 12 motor vehicle or trailer so as to prevent such plates from swinging and
- 13 at a minimum distance of twelve inches from the ground to the bottom of
- 14 the license plate. No person shall attach to or display on such motor
- 15 vehicle or trailer any (a) license plate or registration certificate
- 16 other than as assigned to it for the current registration period, (b)
- 17 fictitious or altered license plates or registration certificate, (c)
- 18 license plates or registration certificate that has been canceled by the
- 19 department, or (c) (d) license plates lacking current validation decals.
- 20 (3) (2) All letters, numbers, printing, writing, and other
- 21 identification marks upon such plates and certificate shall be kept clear
- 22 and distinct and free from grease, dust, or other blurring matter, so
- 23 that they shall be plainly visible at all times during daylight and under
- 24 artificial light in the nighttime.
- 25 (4) No person shall attach to or display on a motor vehicle or
- 26 <u>trailer described in subsection (1) of this section any (a) fictitious or</u>
- 27 <u>altered license plates or registration certificates, or (b) any license</u>
- 28 plates or registration certificates assigned to another vehicle or
- 29 <u>trailer.</u>
- 30 (5) Enforcement of subsections (2) and (3) of this section by state
- 31 or local law enforcement agencies shall be accomplished only as a

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1 secondary action when a driver of a motor vehicle has been cited or

- 2 <u>charged with a traffic violation or some other offense.</u>
- 3 (6) A violation of subsection (2) or (3) of this section is a Class
- 4 IV misdemeanor.
- 5 Sec. 2. Section 60-3,164, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 6 amended to read:
- 7 60-3,164 (1) A Any person shall not operate or park who operates or
- 8 parks a motor vehicle or tow or park who tows or parks a trailer on any
- 9 highway unless such , which motor vehicle or trailer has not been
- 10 registered as required by section 60-362, shall be subject to the penalty
- 11 provided in section 60-3,170.
- 12 (2) <u>If the A person who parks a</u> motor vehicle or tows a trailer
- 13 described in subsection (1) of this section on any highway, which motor
- 14 vehicle or trailer has been properly registered in this state but such
- 15 registration has expired, the person shall not be in violation of this
- 16 section or section 60-362 or subject to the penalty provided in section
- 17 60-3,170, unless thirty days have passed from the expiration of the prior
- 18 registration.
- 19 (3) A violation of this section is a Class IV misdemeanor.
- 20 Sec. 3. Original sections 60-399 and 60-3,164, Reissue Revised
- 21 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.