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LEGISLATIVE BILL 728

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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 60-301, 60-302, 60-3,104, and 60-3,151, Reissue
3 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define a term; to provide for boat
4 trailer license plates and registration of such license plates every
5 three years; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date;
6 and to repeal the original sections.

7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 60-301, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 60-301 Sections 60-301 to 60-3,258 and section 3 of this act shall
4 be known and may be cited as the Motor Vehicle Registration Act.

5 Sec. 2. Section 60-302, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
6 amended to read:

7 60-302 For purposes of the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, unless
8 the context otherwise requires, the definitions found in sections
9 60-302.01 to 60-360 and section 3 of this act shall be used.

10 Sec. 3. Boat trailer means a trailer that is exclusively used to
11 haul a boat.

12 Sec. 4. Section 60-3,104, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
13 amended to read:

14 60-3,104 The department shall issue the following types of license
15 plates:

16 (1) Amateur radio station license plates issued pursuant to section
17 60-3,126;

18 (2) Apportionable vehicle license plates issued pursuant to section
19 60-3,203;

20 (3) Autocycle license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,100;

21 (4) Boat dealer license plates issued pursuant to section 60-379;

22 (5) Boat trailer license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,151;

23 (6) (5) Breast Cancer Awareness Plates issued pursuant to sections
24 60-3,230 and 60-3,231;

25 (7) (6) Bus license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,144;

26 (8) (7) Choose Life License Plates issued pursuant to sections
27 60-3,232 and 60-3,233;

28 (9) (8) Commercial motor vehicle license plates issued pursuant to
29 section 60-3,147;

30 (10) (9) Dealer or manufacturer license plates issued pursuant to
31 sections 60-3,114 and 60-3,115;

- 1 ~~(11)~~ ~~(10)~~ Disabled veteran license plates issued pursuant to section
- 2 60-3,124;
- 3 ~~(12)~~ ~~(11)~~ Donate Life Plates issued pursuant to sections 60-3,245
- 4 and 60-3,246;
- 5 ~~(13)~~ ~~(12)~~ Down Syndrome Awareness Plates issued pursuant to sections
- 6 60-3,247 and 60-3,248;
- 7 ~~(14)~~ ~~(13)~~ Farm trailer license plates issued pursuant to section
- 8 60-3,151;
- 9 ~~(15)~~ ~~(14)~~ Farm truck license plates issued pursuant to section
- 10 60-3,146;
- 11 ~~(16)~~ ~~(15)~~ Farm trucks with a gross weight of over sixteen tons
- 12 license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,146;
- 13 ~~(17)~~ ~~(16)~~ Fertilizer trailer license plates issued pursuant to
- 14 section 60-3,151;
- 15 ~~(18)~~ ~~(17)~~ Former military vehicle license plates issued pursuant to
- 16 section 60-3,236;
- 17 ~~(19)~~ ~~(18)~~ Gold Star Family license plates issued pursuant to
- 18 sections 60-3,122.01 and 60-3,122.02;
- 19 ~~(20)~~ ~~(19)~~ Handicapped or disabled person license plates issued
- 20 pursuant to section 60-3,113;
- 21 ~~(21)~~ ~~(20)~~ Historical vehicle license plates issued pursuant to
- 22 sections 60-3,130 to 60-3,134;
- 23 ~~(22)~~ ~~(21)~~ Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water Plates issued pursuant
- 24 to section 60-3,258;
- 25 ~~(23)~~ ~~(22)~~ Local truck license plates issued pursuant to section
- 26 60-3,145;
- 27 ~~(24)~~ ~~(23)~~ Metropolitan utilities district license plates issued
- 28 pursuant to section 60-3,228;
- 29 ~~(25)~~ ~~(24)~~ Military Honor Plates issued pursuant to sections
- 30 60-3,122.03 and 60-3,122.04;
- 31 ~~(26)~~ ~~(25)~~ Minitruck license plates issued pursuant to section

1 60-3,100;

2 (27) ~~(26)~~ Motor vehicle license plates for motor vehicles owned or
3 operated by the state, counties, municipalities, or school districts
4 issued pursuant to section 60-3,105;33)

5 (28) ~~(27)~~ Motor vehicles exempt pursuant to section 60-3,107;

6 (29) ~~(28)~~ Motorcycle license plates issued pursuant to section
7 60-3,100;

8 (30) ~~(29)~~ Mountain Lion Conservation Plates issued pursuant to
9 sections 60-3,226 and 60-3,227;

10 (31) ~~(30)~~ Native American Cultural Awareness and History Plates
11 issued pursuant to sections 60-3,234 and 60-3,235;

12 (32) ~~(31)~~ Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates issued pursuant to
13 sections 60-3,127 to 60-3,129;

14 (33) ~~(32)~~ Nebraska History Plates issued pursuant to sections
15 60-3,255 and 60-3,256;

16 (34) ~~(33)~~ Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial Plates issued pursuant to
17 sections 60-3,223 to 60-3,225;

18 (35) ~~(34)~~ Nonresident owner thirty-day license plates issued
19 pursuant to section 60-382;

20 (36) ~~(35)~~ Passenger car having a seating capacity of ten persons or
21 less and not used for hire issued pursuant to section 60-3,143 other than
22 autocycles;

23 (37) ~~(36)~~ Passenger car having a seating capacity of ten persons or
24 less and used for hire issued pursuant to section 60-3,143 other than
25 autocycles;

26 (38) ~~(37)~~ Pearl Harbor license plates issued pursuant to section
27 60-3,122;

28 (39) ~~(38)~~ Personal-use dealer license plates issued pursuant to
29 section 60-3,116;

30 (40) ~~(39)~~ Personalized message license plates for motor vehicles,
31 trailers, and semitrailers, except motor vehicles, trailers, and

1 semitrailers registered under section 60-3,198, issued pursuant to
2 sections 60-3,118 to 60-3,121;
3 ~~(41)~~ ~~(40)~~ Pets for Vets Plates issued pursuant to sections 60-3,249
4 and 60-3,250;
5 ~~(42)~~ ~~(41)~~ Prisoner-of-war license plates issued pursuant to section
6 60-3,123;
7 ~~(43)~~ ~~(42)~~ Prostate Cancer Awareness Plates issued pursuant to
8 section 60-3,240;
9 ~~(44)~~ ~~(43)~~ Public power district license plates issued pursuant to
10 section 60-3,228;
11 ~~(45)~~ ~~(44)~~ Purple Heart license plates issued pursuant to section
12 60-3,125;
13 ~~(46)~~ ~~(45)~~ Recreational vehicle license plates issued pursuant to
14 section 60-3,151;
15 ~~(47)~~ ~~(46)~~ Repossession license plates issued pursuant to section
16 60-375;
17 ~~(48)~~ ~~(47)~~ Sammy's Superheroes license plates for childhood cancer
18 awareness issued pursuant to section 60-3,242;
19 ~~(49)~~ ~~(48)~~ Special interest motor vehicle license plates issued
20 pursuant to section 60-3,135.01;
21 ~~(50)~~ ~~(49)~~ Specialty license plates issued pursuant to sections
22 60-3,104.01 and 60-3,104.02;
23 ~~(51)~~ ~~(50)~~ Support the Arts Plates issued pursuant to sections
24 60-3,251 and 60-3,252;
25 ~~(52)~~ ~~(51)~~ Support Our Troops Plates issued pursuant to sections
26 60-3,243 and 60-3,244;
27 ~~(53)~~ ~~(52)~~ The Good Life Is Outside Plates issued pursuant to
28 sections 60-3,253 and 60-3,254;
29 ~~(54)~~ ~~(53)~~ Trailer license plates issued for trailers owned or
30 operated by the state, counties, municipalities, or school districts
31 issued pursuant to section 60-3,106;

1 ~~(55)~~ ~~(54)~~ Trailer license plates issued for trailers owned or
2 operated by a metropolitan utilities district or public power district
3 pursuant to section 60-3,228;

4 ~~(56)~~ ~~(55)~~ Trailer license plates issued pursuant to section
5 60-3,100;

6 ~~(57)~~ ~~(56)~~ Trailers exempt pursuant to section 60-3,108;

7 ~~(58)~~ ~~(57)~~ Transporter license plates issued pursuant to section
8 60-378;

9 ~~(59)~~ ~~(58)~~ Trucks or combinations of trucks, truck-tractors, or
10 trailers which are not for hire and engaged in soil and water
11 conservation work and used for the purpose of transporting pipe and
12 equipment exclusively used by such contractors for soil and water
13 conservation construction license plates issued pursuant to section
14 60-3,149;

15 ~~(60)~~ ~~(59)~~ Utility trailer license plates issued pursuant to section
16 60-3,151;

17 ~~(61)~~ ~~(60)~~ Well-boring apparatus and well-servicing equipment license
18 plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,109; and

19 ~~(62)~~ ~~(61)~~ Wildlife Conservation Plates issued pursuant to section
20 60-3,238.

21 Sec. 5. Section 60-3,151, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
22 amended to read:

23 60-3,151 (1) For the registration of any commercial trailer or
24 semitrailer, the fee shall be one dollar.

25 (2) The fee for utility trailers shall be one dollar for each one
26 thousand pounds gross vehicle weight or fraction thereof, up to and
27 including nine thousand pounds. Utility trailer license plates shall
28 display, in addition to the registration number, the letter X. Trailers
29 other than farm trailers of more than nine thousand pounds must be
30 registered as commercial trailers.

31 (3) The fee for cabin trailers having gross vehicle weight of one

1 thousand pounds or less shall be nine dollars and more than one thousand
2 pounds, but less than two thousand pounds, shall be twelve dollars. Cabin
3 trailers having a gross vehicle weight of two thousand pounds or more
4 shall be registered for a fee of fifteen dollars.

5 (4) Recreational vehicles having a gross vehicle weight of eight
6 thousand pounds or less shall be registered for a fee of eighteen
7 dollars, those having a gross vehicle weight of more than eight thousand
8 pounds but less than twelve thousand pounds shall be registered for
9 thirty dollars, and those having a gross vehicle weight of twelve
10 thousand pounds or over shall be registered for forty-two dollars. When
11 living quarters are added to a registered truck, a recreational vehicle
12 registration may be obtained without surrender of the truck registration,
13 in which event both the truck and recreational vehicle license plates
14 shall be displayed on the vehicle. Recreational vehicle license plates
15 shall be the same size and of the same basic design as regular license
16 plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,100.

17 (5) Farm trailers shall be licensed for a fee of one dollar, except
18 that when a farm trailer is used with a registered farm truck, such farm
19 trailer may, at the option of the owner, be registered as a separate unit
20 for a fee of three dollars per ton gross vehicle weight and, if so
21 registered, shall not be considered a truck and trailer combination for
22 purposes of sections 60-3,145 and 60-3,146. Farm trailer license plates
23 shall display, in addition to the registration number, the letter X.

24 (6) Fertilizer trailers shall be registered for a fee of one dollar.
25 Fertilizer trailer license plates shall display, in addition to the
26 registration number, the letter X.

27 (7) Trailers used to haul poles and cable reels owned and operated
28 exclusively by public utility companies shall be licensed at a fee based
29 on two dollars for each one-thousand-pound load to be hauled or any
30 fraction thereof, and such load shall not exceed sixteen thousand pounds.

31 (8) The fee for boat trailers shall be ten dollars and shall be

1 valid for a period of three years. Boat trailer license plates shall
2 display, in addition to the registration number, the words boat trailer.

3 Sec. 6. This act becomes operative on January 1, 2024.

4 Sec. 7. Original sections 60-301, 60-302, 60-3,104, and 60-3,151,
5 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.