ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB129

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 03, 2009

Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications

Introducer: Dubas

One Liner: Authorize actions and procedures for invalid financial transactions when registering a vehicle

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Campbell, Fischer, Gay, Hadley, Janssen, Lautenbaugh,

Stuthman

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting: 1 Senator Louden

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Annette Dubas Introducer

Beth Bazyn Ferrell Nebraska Association of County Officials

Beverly Neth Department of Motor Vehicles

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 129 authorizes a county treasurer to cancel a motor vehicle registration when payment is incorrectly made.

The bill states that if a motor vehicle fee or tax is paid by check or other financial transaction and the check or transaction is returned due to insufficient funds or stop-payment, the county treasurer may cancel or refuse to issue the registration.

Before canceling the registration, the county treasurer must send written notice by mail to the registration applicant to the registered address. Seven days must pass from the mailing of the notice before the treasurer can cancel the registration.

The treasurer shall reinstate the registration if the applicant pays all taxes and fees due, plus an administrative fee not to exceed \$25.

Any person who receives written notice must return his or her registration certificate and license plates within ten days to the treasurer. If the person fails to return the items, the treasurer shall notify the county sheriff, who shall recover the registration and license plates and return them to the treasurer.

Explanation of amendments: The committee amendment, AM 485, makes two minor changes to the bill. The first change allows the counties to mail out notice of a cancellation by first class mail in addition to registered or certified mail.	
The second change makes it discretionary for the sheriff to recover the registration and license plates and return them to the county treasurer.	
	Deb Fischer, Chairperson