

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB353

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 15, 2011
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Lautenbaugh
One Liner: Change provisions relating to towing of vehicles and exemptions from size, weight, and load restrictions

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Campbell, Dubas, Fischer, Hadley, Janssen, Lautenbaugh, Louden, Price

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Scott Lautenbaugh
JoAnne Hitz
Walton Young
Gary Behlmann
Loy Todd

Representing:

Introducer
Professional Towers Association of Nebraska
Professional Towers Association of Nebraska
Kearney Towing; Professional Towers Association
Nebraska New Car & Truck Dealers Association

Opponents:

Gerald Krolikowski

Representing:

Nebraska State Patrol

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 353 creates new guidelines for moving a disabled overdimensional vehicle from the highway.

The bill amends Sec. 60-6,297 to add an exemption to the width and height restrictions for a disabled or wrecked vehicle being towed. This is in addition to the current exemptions from the length and weight limits.

The bill allows for the tow truck to bring the disabled vehicle to a "point of storage" in addition to a place of secure safekeeping.

The bill provides a definition of "wrecker or tow truck" and "wrecker or towing service".

Finally, the bill provides the tow truck owner or operator will be held liable for any injury or damage when the tow truck operates over the dimensional restrictions.
