

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB573

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 15, 2011
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Price
One Liner: Authorize use of rotating or flashing amber lights on any motor vehicle operated by or for a storm spotter

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 8 Senators Campbell, Dubas, Fischer, Hadley, Janssen, Lautenbaugh, Louden, Price
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Senator Scott Price Arthur Zygielbaum Patrick Gerdes Jon Edwards	Representing: Introducer self Nebraska Association of Emergency Management Nebraska Association of County Officials
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Opponents:	Representing:
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Neutral:	Representing:
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Summary of purpose and/or changes:
LB 573 authorizes the use of an amber light for a storm spotter.

The bill amends Sec. 60-6,232 to include a motor vehicle operated by a storm spotter in the list of authorized uses of a rotating or flashing amber light.

The storm spotter must be within 500 feet of a location point designated by a local emergency management organization.

The bill requires the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency to develop training, identification, and credentialing standards for storm spotters.

The bill also provides a definition of "storm spotter".

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment, AM 344, makes two changes to the original bill. First, emergency management workers as defined under the Emergency Management Act are included to operate a motor vehicle with the amber light.

Second, the amendment removes the requirement that the storm spotter or emergency management worker be within 500 feet of his or her location point to activate the amber light.

Deb Fischer, Chairperson