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Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Registration Act; to amend
2 sections 60-301 and 60-3,100, Reissue Revised Statutes of
3 Nebraska; to change license plate issuance and display
4 provisions for certain motor vehicles; to provide for a
5 fee; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original
6 sections.

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

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

3 60-301 Sections 60-301 to 60-3,222 and section 3 of this
4 act shall be known and may be cited as the Motor Vehicle Registration
5 Act.

6 Sec. 2. Section 60-3,100, Reissue Revised Statutes of
7 Nebraska, is amended to read:

8 60-3,100 (1) The department shall issue to every person
9 whose motor vehicle or trailer is registered fully reflectorized
10 license plates upon which shall be displayed (a) the registration
11 number consisting of letters and numerals assigned to such motor
12 vehicle or trailer in figures not less than two and one-half inches
13 nor more than three inches in height and (b) also the word Nebraska
14 suitably lettered so as to be attractive. Two license plates shall be
15 issued for every motor vehicle, except that one plate shall be issued
16 for dealers, motorcycles, minitrucks, truck-tractors, trailers,
17 buses, ~~and~~ apportionable vehicles, and special interest motor
18 vehicles that use the special interest motor vehicle license plate
19 authorized by and issued under section 3 of this act. The license
20 plates shall be of a color designated by the director. The color of
21 the plates shall be changed each time the license plates are changed.
22 Each time the license plates are changed, the director shall secure
23 competitive bids for materials pursuant to sections 81-145 to 81-162.
24 Motorcycle, minitruck, and trailer license plate letters and numerals
25 may be one-half the size of those required in this section.

1 (2) When two license plates are issued, one shall be
2 prominently displayed at all times on the front and one on the rear
3 of the registered motor vehicle or trailer. When only one plate is
4 issued, it shall be prominently displayed on the rear of the
5 registered motor vehicle or trailer. When only one plate is issued
6 for motor vehicles registered pursuant to section 60-3,198 and truck-
7 tractors, it shall be prominently displayed on the front of the
8 apportionable vehicle.

9 Sec. 3. (1) The department shall either modify an
10 existing plate design or design license plates to identify special
11 interest motor vehicles, to be known as special interest motor
12 vehicle plates. The department, in designing such special interest
13 motor vehicle license plates, shall include the words special
14 interest motor vehicle and limit the manufacturing cost of each plate
15 to an amount less than or equal to the amount charged for license
16 plates pursuant to section 60-3,102. The Department of Motor Vehicles
17 shall choose the design of the plate. The department shall make
18 applications available for this type of plate when it is designed.

19 (2) One type of special interest motor vehicle license
20 plate shall be consecutively numbered plates. The department shall:

21 (a) Number the plates consecutively beginning with the
22 number one, using numerals the size of which maximizes legibility and
23 limiting the numerals to five characters or less; and

24 (b) Not use a county designation or any characters other
25 than numbers on the plates.

1 (3) One type of special interest motor vehicle license
2 plate shall be personalized message plates. Such plates shall be
3 issued subject to the same conditions specified for personalized
4 message license plates in section 60-3,118, except that a maximum of
5 five characters may be used.

6 (4) A person may apply to the department for a special
7 interest motor vehicle license plate in lieu of regular license
8 plates on an application prescribed and provided by the department
9 for any special interest motor vehicle, except for a special interest
10 motor vehicle registered under section 60-3,198. The department shall
11 make forms available for such applications through the county
12 treasurers or designated county officials.

13 (5) The form shall contain:

14 (a) A description of the special interest motor vehicle
15 owned and sought to be registered, including the make, body type,
16 model, serial number, and year of manufacture;

17 (b) A description of all other motor vehicles owned or
18 operated by the applicant with regular license plates and used for
19 regular transportation, which description shall include make, body
20 type, model, serial number, year of manufacture, and the registration
21 number assigned to such motor vehicles;

22 (c) Proof of current membership in a recognized car club
23 for the make, body type, or model of the special interest motor
24 vehicle sought to be registered; and

25 (d) An affidavit sworn to by the special interest motor

1 vehicle owner that the special interest motor vehicle will not be
2 used for general daily transportation, the transportation of
3 passengers for hire, or the hauling of material weighing more than
4 five hundred pounds.

5 (6)(a) In addition to all other fees required to register
6 a motor vehicle, each application for initial issuance or renewal of
7 a consecutively numbered or personalized special interest motor
8 vehicle license plate shall be accompanied by a special interest
9 motor vehicle license plate fee of fifty dollars. Twenty-five dollars
10 of the special interest motor vehicle fee shall be remitted to the
11 State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash
12 Fund and twenty-five dollars of the special interest motor vehicle
13 fee shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the
14 Highway Trust Fund.

15 (b) If a special interest motor vehicle license plate is
16 lost, stolen, or mutilated the owner shall be issued a replacement
17 license plate pursuant to section 60-3,157.

18 (7) When the department receives an application for a
19 special interest motor vehicle plate, the department shall deliver
20 the plate to the county treasurer or designated county official of
21 the county in which the special interest motor vehicle is registered.
22 The county treasurer or designated county official shall issue the
23 special interest motor vehicle plate in lieu of regular license
24 plates when the applicant complies with the other provisions of the
25 Motor Vehicle Registration Act for registration of the special

1 interest motor vehicle.

2 (8) If the cost of manufacturing special interest motor
3 vehicle plates at any time exceeds the amount charged for license
4 plates pursuant to section 60-3,102, any money to be credited to the
5 Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund under this section shall
6 instead be credited first to the Highway Trust Fund in an amount
7 equal to the difference between the manufacturing costs of special
8 interest motor vehicle plates and the amount charged pursuant to
9 section 60-3,102 with respect to such plates and the remainder shall
10 be credited to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

11 (9) The special interest motor vehicle license plate
12 shall be affixed to the rear of the special interest motor vehicle.

13 (10) The owner of a special interest motor vehicle may
14 make application to the county treasurer or designated county
15 official to have the license plate transferred to another motor
16 vehicle other than the special interest motor vehicle for which the
17 license plate was originally purchased if the other motor vehicle
18 meets the requirements of this section to be registered as a special
19 interest motor vehicle. The fee for such transfer shall be three
20 dollars. One dollar of the transfer fee shall be retained for
21 administrative costs by the county treasurer or designated county
22 official and the remainder of the fee shall be remitted to the State
23 Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.
24 The owner may have the unused portion of the special interest motor
25 vehicle fee credited to another special interest motor vehicle which

1 will bear the license plate at the rate of one-twelfth of the special
2 interest motor vehicle fee per month for each full month left in the
3 registration period.

4 (11) For purposes of this section, special interest motor
5 vehicle means a motor vehicle of any age which is essentially
6 unaltered from the original manufacturer's specifications and because
7 of its present or future significance in design is being collected,
8 preserved, restored, or maintained by the owner as a leisure pursuit
9 and not used for general transportation of persons or cargo.

10 Sec. 4. Original sections 60-301 and 60-3,100, Reissue
11 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.