

**ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB311**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday February 17, 2015  
**Committee On:** Transportation and Telecommunications  
**Introducer:** Transportation and Telecommunications  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to CLP-learner's permit issuance and applications for commercial drivers' licenses

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

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Smith, Seiler, Murante, McCoy, Garrett, Friesen, Davis, Brasch  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Mike Hybl  
Rhonda Lahm

**Representing:**

Transportation and Telecommunications Committee  
Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

Section 3- Enacts a new provision of law.

The term "gross combination weight rating" is defined for purposes of the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act. The term means the specified by the manufacturer of a power unit, or the sum of the gross vehicle weight ratings or the gross weights of the power and towed units, whichever is greater.

Section 4- Amends section 60-469; definition of the term gross vehicle weight rating for purposes of the Nebraska Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act. The term is redefined to remove references to the term gross combination weight rating and states that the term gross vehicle weight shall be the value specified by the manufacturer as the loaded weight of a single motor vehicle.

Section 5- Amends section 60-4,142; issuance of the commercial learner's permit (CLP).

Currently the Commercial Learner's Permit is valid for a period of 180 days and may be renewed only once during the two year period following issuance. The bill strikes this restriction and adds new language stating that the Commercial Learner's Permit shall be valid for a period of 180 days and it may be renewed for an additional 180 day period. Renewal will not require retaking the general and endorsement knowledge tests.

Section 6-amends section 60-4,144; application for the Commercial Driver's License.

The following changes are made to the section:

1) subsection (2)(b) of the section is clarified to authorize the Secretary of State to access social security numbers of

applicants for purposes of voter registration;

2) subsection (7)(c) is amended to clarify that for CDL issuance a non-domiciled foreign applicant holding a foreign operator's license is allowed to keep their foreign license when a Nebraska CDL is issued; and

3) a new subsection (9) is proposed to the section which provides that an applicant shall by oath, affirmation, or declaration state that the information provided upon the application is true and correct.

Section 7-Amends section 60-4,168; commercial motor vehicle operation disqualification.

The section is amended to remove two obsolete operative dates.

Section 8- Amends section 75-362 definitions for purposes of the federal motor carrier regulations.

The term "gross combination weight rating" is defined. The definition mirrors the definition of the term made in section 3 of the bill. The term gross vehicle weight rating is amended to mean the value specified by the manufacturer as the loaded weight of a single motor vehicle.

Section 10- adds the Emergency Clause.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The Committee considered and adopted an amendment which accomplishes the following:

The Committee amendment is technical in nature and does the following:

1) makes stylistic changes to the definition of gross combination weight rating on page 2;

2) the definition of gross vehicle weight rating on page 2 is amended by striking the word "motor" on line 23; and

3)the changes proposed to the definition gross vehicle weight rating on page 21 are eliminated and striking language is reinstated.

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Jim Smith, Chairperson