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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 584**

Introduced by Friesen, 34.

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Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to highways and bridges; to amend section
- 2 39-1811, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions
- 3 relating to mowing of weeds as prescribed; to harmonize provisions;
- 4 and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 39-1811, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
2 amended to read:

3 39-1811 (1) It shall be the duty of the landowners in this state to  
4 mow all weeds that can be mowed with the ordinary farm mower to the  
5 middle of all public roads and drainage ditches running along their lands  
6 ~~at least twice each year, namely, before July 15, for the first time and~~  
7 ~~sometime in August for the second time.~~

8 (2) This section shall not restrict landowners, a county, or a  
9 township from management of (a) roadside vegetation on road shoulders,  
10 intersections, or entrances, (b) sight distance at any time of the year,  
11 or (c) snow control mowing as may be necessary annually.

12 (3) No person employed by or under contract with a county or  
13 township to mow roadside ditches shall do such mowing before July 1 of  
14 any year.

15 (4) (2) Whenever a landowner, referred to in subsections (1) and (5)  
16 (3) of this section, neglects to mow the weeds as provided in this  
17 section, it shall be the duty of the county board on complaint of any  
18 resident of the county to cause the weeds to be mowed or otherwise  
19 destroyed on neglected portions of roads or ditches complained of.

20 (5) (3) The county board shall cause to be ascertained and recorded  
21 an accurate account of the cost of mowing or destroying such weeds, as  
22 referred to in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, in such places,  
23 specifying, in such statement or account of costs, the description of the  
24 land abutting upon each side of the highway where such weeds were mowed  
25 or destroyed, and, if known, the name of the owner of such abutting land.  
26 The board shall file such statement with the county clerk, together with  
27 a description of the lands abutting on each side of the road where such  
28 expenses were incurred, and the county board, at the time of the annual  
29 tax levy made upon lands and property of the county, may, if it desires,  
30 assess such cost upon such abutting land, giving such landowner due  
31 notice of such proposed assessment and reasonable opportunity to be heard

1 concerning the proposed assessment before the same is finally made.

2 Sec. 2. Original section 39-1811, Reissue Revised Statutes of

3 Nebraska, is repealed.