

Department of Motor Vehicles. Is that the way the bill is now?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Well I'm not sure, my question in my mind is approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles, you are referring to the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles. It is my understand that the belts put in by manufacturers are approved by somebody at the federal level, as opposed...they are probably additionally approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles at Nebraska, but I think they have federal approval.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But there is a requirement in the bill right now that the Department of Motor Vehicles approve of the seat belts.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Yes, and I'm assuming that that is because they must approve federal standards. There are some put in reassembled cars, people who redo antique cars and all that...you know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, if the state, through statute, is being given a mandatory role of approving, does that give some liability to the state if they approve of a belt that turns out to be defective, and instead of protecting a person results in the death or more severe injury to that person?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: It is not my intention that that would be, no. It is not my intention because if they meet the requirements of federal guidelines, you know, I don't know exactly what...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So why then do they have the requirement that the belt be approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Can you tell me what you are referring to, Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Haberman said it said Section 3, page 2. Did you get that? Okay, I see it in there. She's got it now?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Yes.