## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 53**

Approved by the Governor March 03, 2016

Introduced by Scheer, 19; Coash, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Registration Act; to amend section 60-3,100, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015; to provide for issuance of one license plate for passenger cars as prescribed; to provide a fee; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

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

Section 1. Section 60-3,100, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015, is amended to read:

- 60-3,100 (1) The department shall issue to every person whose motor vehicle or trailer is registered one or two fully reflectorized license plates upon which shall be displayed (a) the registration number consisting of letters and numerals assigned to such motor vehicle or trailer in figures not less than two and one-half inches nor more than three inches in height and (b) also the word Nebraska suitably lettered so as to be attractive. Two license plates shall be issued for every motor vehicle, except that one plate shall be issued for dealers, autocycles, motorcycles, minitrucks, truck-tractors, trailers, buses, apportionable vehicles, and special interest motor vehicles that use the special interest motor vehicle license plate authorized by and issued under section 60-3,135.01. The license plates shall be of a color designated by the director. The color of the plates shall be changed each time the license plates are changed. Each time the license plates are changed, the director shall secure competitive bids for materials pursuant to sections 81-145 to 81-162. Autocycle, motorcycle, minitruck, low-speed vehicle, and trailer license plate letters and numerals may be one-half the size of those required in this section.
- (2)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, two license plates shall be issued for every motor vehicle.
- (b) One license plate shall be issued for (i) apportionable vehicles, (ii) buses, (iii) dealers, (iv) minitrucks, (v) motorcycles, (vi) special interest motor vehicles that use the special interest motor vehicle license plate authorized by and issued under section 60-3,135.01, (vii) trailers, and (viii) truck-tractors.
- (c)(i) Beginning January 1, 2017, one license plate shall be issued, upon request and compliance with this subdivision, for any passenger car which is not manufactured to be equipped with a bracket on the front of the vehicle to display a license plate. A license decal shall be issued with the license plate as provided in subdivision (ii) of this subdivision and shall be displayed on the driver's side of the windshield. In order to request a single license plate and license decal, there shall be an additional annual nonrefundable registration fee of one hundred dollars plus the cost of the decal paid to the county treasurer at the time of registration. All fees collected under this subdivision shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Highway Trust Fund.
- (ii) The department shall design, procure, and furnish to the county treasurers a license decal which shall be displayed as evidence that a license plate has been obtained under this subdivision. Each county treasurer shall furnish a license decal to the person obtaining the plate.
- $(\underline{d}$  2) When two license plates are issued, one shall be prominently displayed at all times on the front and one on the rear of the registered motor vehicle or trailer. When only one plate is issued, it shall be prominently displayed on the rear of the registered motor vehicle or trailer. When only one plate is issued for motor vehicles registered pursuant to section 60-3,198 and truck-tractors, it shall be prominently displayed on the front of the apportionable vehicle.
- Sec. 2. Original section 60-3,100, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015, is repealed.