## LEGISLATIVE BILL 650

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FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 60-471, 60-501, 60-520, 60-547, 60-6,357, 60-6,358, 60-6,359, 60-6,360, and 60-6,361, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 60-102, 60-123, 60-136, 60-137, 60-148, 60-149, 60-153, 60-154, 60-154.01, 60-171, 60-302, 60-339, 60-3,100, 60-3,187, 60-3,190, 60-4,126, 60-605, 60-6,355, and 60-6,356, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, and sections 23-186, 30-24,125, 60-101, 60-144, 60-164, 60-165, 60-301, 60-3,104, 60-601, and 60-1901, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2009; to authorize the operation of minitrucks and utility-type vehicles as prescribed; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Section 1. Section 23-186, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2009, is amended to read:

23-186 (1) Until the implementation date designated by the Director of Motor Vehicles under subsection (2) of this section, a county board may consolidate, under the office of a designated county official, the services provided to the public by the county assessor, the county clerk, and the county treasurer relating to the issuance of certificates of title, registration certificates, certificates of number, license plates, and renewal decals, the notation and cancellation of liens, and the collection of taxes and fees for motor vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, utility-type vehicles, minibikes, snowmobiles, trailers, and motorboats as provided in the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act, the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, the State Boat Act, and sections 18-1738, 18-1738.01, and 60-1803. In a county in which a city of the metropolitan class is located, the county board may designate the county treasurer to provide the services. In any other county, the county board may designate the county assessor, the county clerk, or the county treasurer to provide the services.

(2) Beginning on an implementation date designated by the Director of Motor Vehicles, but no later than January 1, 2011, the county treasurer of each county shall be the county official who provides services to the public relating to the issuance of certificates of title, registration certificates, certificates of number, license plates, and renewal decals, the notation and cancellation of liens, and the collection of taxes and fees for motor vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, utility-type vehicles, minibikes, snowmobiles, trailers, and motorboats as provided in the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act, the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, the State Boat Act, and sections 18-1738, 18-1738.01, and 60-1803.

Sec. 2. Section 30-24,125, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2009, is amended to read:

30-24,125 (a) Thirty days after the death of a decedent, any person indebted to the decedent or having possession of tangible personal property or an instrument evidencing a debt, obligation, stock, or chose in action belonging to the decedent shall make payment of the indebtedness or deliver the tangible personal property or an instrument evidencing a debt, obligation, stock, or chose in action to a person claiming to be the successor of the decedent upon being presented an affidavit made by or on behalf of the successor stating:

- (1) the value of all of the personal property in the decedent's estate, wherever located, less liens and encumbrances, does not exceed fifty thousand dollars;
- (2) thirty days have elapsed since the death of the decedent as shown in a certified or authenticated copy of the decedent's death certificate attached to the affidavit;
- (3) the claiming successor's relationship to the decedent or, if there is no relationship, the basis of the successor's claim to the personal property;
- (4) the person or persons claiming as successors under the affidavit swear or affirm that all statements in the affidavit are true and material and further acknowledge that any false statement may subject the person or persons to penalties relating to perjury under section 28-915;
- (5) no application or petition for the appointment of a personal representative is pending or has been granted in any jurisdiction; and

(6) the claiming successor is entitled to payment or delivery of the property.

- (b) A transfer agent of any security shall change the registered ownership on the books of a corporation from the decedent to the successor or successors upon the presentation of an affidavit as provided in subsection (a).
- (c) In addition to compliance with the requirements of subsection (a), a person seeking a transfer of a certificate of title to a motor vehicle, motorboat, all-terrain vehicle, <u>utility-type vehicle</u>, or minibike shall be required to furnish to the Department of Motor Vehicles an affidavit showing applicability of this section and compliance with the requirements of this section to authorize the department to issue a new certificate of title.
- Sec. 3. Section 60--101, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2009, is amended to read:

60-101 Sections 60-101 to 60-197 <u>and sections 5, 7, and 10 of this act</u> shall be known and may be cited as the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act.

Sec. 4. Section 60--102, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

60-102 For purposes of the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the definitions found in sections 60-103 to 60-136.01 and sections 5 and 7 of this act shall be used.

Sec. 5. Minitruck means a foreign-manufactured import vehicle or domestic-manufactured vehicle which (1) is powered by an internal combustion engine with a piston or rotor displacement of one thousand cubic centimeters or less, (2) is sixty-seven inches or less in width, (3) has a dry weight of four thousand two hundred pounds or less, (4) travels on four or more tires, (5) has a top speed of approximately fifty-five miles per hour, (6) is equipped with a bed or compartment for hauling, (7) has an enclosed passenger cab, (8) is equipped with headlights, taillights, turnsignals, windshield wipers, a rearview mirror, and an occupant protection system, and (9) has a four-speed, five-speed, or automatic transmission.

Sec. 6. Section 60-123, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

60-123 Motor vehicle means any vehicle propelled by any power other than muscular power. Motor vehicle does not include except (1) mopeds, (2) farm tractors, (3) self-propelled equipment designed and used exclusively to carry and apply fertilizer, chemicals, or related products to agricultural soil and crops, agricultural floater-spreader implements, and other implements of husbandry designed for and used primarily for tilling the soil and harvesting crops or feeding livestock, (4) power unit hay grinders or a combination which includes a power unit and a hay grinder when operated without cargo, (5) vehicles which run only on rails or tracks, (6) off-road designed vehicles, including, but not limited to, golf carts, go-carts, riding lawnmowers, garden tractors, all-terrain vehicles, utility-type vehicles, snowmobiles registered or exempt from registration under sections 60-3,207 to 60-3,219, and minibikes, (7) road and general-purpose construction and maintenance machinery not designed or used primarily for the transportation of persons or property, including, but not limited to, ditchdigging apparatus, asphalt spreaders, bucket loaders, leveling graders, earthmoving carryalls, power shovels, earthmoving equipment, and crawler tractors, (8) self-propelled chairs used by persons who are disabled, (9) electric personal assistive mobility devices, and (10) low-speed vehicles.

Sec. 7. (1) Utility-type vehicle means any motorized off-highway device which (a) is not less than forty-eight inches nor more than seventy-four inches in width, (b) is not more than one hundred thirty-five inches, including the bumper, in length, (c) has a dry weight of not less than nine hundred pounds nor more than two thousand pounds, (d) travels on four or more low-pressure tires, and (e) is equipped with a steering wheel and bench or bucket-type seating designed for at least two people to sit side-by-side.

(2) Utility-type vehicle does not include golf carts or low-speed vehicles.

Sec. 8. Section 60--136, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

60-136 Vehicle means a motor vehicle, all-terrain vehicle, utility-type vehicle, minibike, trailer, or semitrailer.

Sec. 9. Section 60--137, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

60-137 (1) The Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act applies to all vehicles as defined in the act, except:

- (a) Farm trailers;
- (b) Low-speed vehicles;

(c) Well-boring apparatus, backhoes, bulldozers, and front-end loaders; and  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Loaders}}$ 

- (d) Trucks and buses from other jurisdictions required to pay registration fees under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, except a vehicle registered or eligible to be registered as part of a fleet of apportionable vehicles under section 60-3,198.
- (2) All new all-terrain vehicles and minibikes sold on or after January 1, 2004, shall be required to have a certificate of title. An owner of an all-terrain vehicle or minibike sold prior to such date may apply for a certificate of title for such all-terrain vehicle or minibike as provided in rules and regulations of the department.
- (3) An owner of a utility trailer may apply for a certificate of title upon compliance with the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act.
- (4)(a) Every owner of a manufactured home or mobile home shall obtain a certificate of title for the manufactured home or mobile home prior to affixing it to real estate.
- (b) If a manufactured home or mobile home has been affixed to real estate and a certificate of title was not issued before it was so affixed, the owner of such manufactured home or mobile home shall apply for and be issued a certificate of title at any time for surrender and cancellation as provided in section 60-169.
- (5) All new utility-type vehicles sold on or after January 1, 2011, shall be required to have a certificate of title. An owner of a utility-type vehicle sold prior to such date may apply for a certificate of title for such utility-type vehicle as provided in rules and regulations of the department.
- Sec. 10. If a minitruck does not have a manufacturer's vehicle identification number, the owner of the minitruck may apply for a certificate of title by presenting (1)(a) a manufacturer's statement of origin for the minitruck or (b)(i) a bill of sale or a manufacturer's or importer's certificate for a minitruck purchased before January 1, 2011, or a manufacturer's or importer's certificate for a minitruck purchased on or after January 1, 2011, and (ii) an affidavit by the owner affirming ownership for the minitruck, (2) a statement that an inspection has been conducted on the minitruck, and (3) a vehicle identification number as described in section 60-148. The certificate of title shall indicate the make and model year of the minitruck shall be the year application for title was made.
- Sec. 11. Section 60--144, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2009, is amended to read:
- 60-144 (1) (a) Except as provided in subdivisions (b), (c), and (d) of this subsection, the county clerk or designated county official shall be responsible for issuing and filing certificates of title for vehicles, and each county shall issue and file such certificates of title using the vehicle titling and registration computer system prescribed by the department. Application for a certificate of title shall be made upon a form prescribed by the department. All applications shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee or fees.
- (b) The department shall issue and file certificates of title for Nebraska-based fleet vehicles. Application for a certificate of title shall be made upon a form prescribed by the department. All applications shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee or fees.
- (c) The department shall issue and file certificates of title for state-owned vehicles. Application for a certificate of title shall be made upon a form prescribed by the department. All applications shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee or fees.
- (d) The department shall issue certificates of title pursuant to section 60-142.06. Application for a certificate of title shall be made upon a form prescribed by the department. All applications shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee or fees.
- (2) If the owner of an all-terrain vehicle, a utility-type vehicle, or a minibike resides in Nebraska, the application shall be filed with the county clerk or designated county official of the county in which the owner resides
- (3)(a) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (b) of this subsection, if a vehicle, other than an all-terrain vehicle, a utility-type vehicle, or a minibike, has situs in Nebraska, the application shall be filed with the county clerk or designated county official of the county in which the vehicle has situs.
- (b) If a motor vehicle dealer licensed under Chapter 60, article 14, applies for a certificate of title for a vehicle, the application may be filed with the county clerk or designated county official of any county.
  - (4) If the owner of a vehicle is a nonresident, the application

shall be filed in the county in which the transaction is consummated.

(5) The application shall be filed within thirty days after the delivery of the vehicle.

(6) All applicants registering a vehicle pursuant to section 60-3,198 shall file the application for a certificate of title with the Division of Motor Carrier Services of the department. The division shall deliver the certificate to the applicant if there are no liens on the vehicle. If there are any liens on the vehicle, the division shall deliver or mail the certificate of title to the holder of the first lien on the day of issuance. All certificates of title issued by the division shall be issued in the manner prescribed for the county clerk or designated county official in section 60-152.

Sec. 12. Section 60-148, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

60-148 (1) Whenever a person applies for a certificate of title for a vehicle, the department shall assign a distinguishing identification number to the vehicle if the vehicle identification number is destroyed, obliterated, or missing. The owner of such a vehicle to which such number is assigned shall have such number affixed to such vehicle as provided in subsection (2) of this section and sign an affidavit on a form prepared by the department that such number has been attached. Before the certificate of title for an assigned number is released to the applicant by the county clerk or designated county official, the applicant shall also provide a statement that an inspection has been conducted.

- (2) The department shall develop a metallic assigned vehicle identification number plate which can be permanently secured to a vehicle by rivets or a permanent sticker or other form of marking or identifying the vehicle with the distinguishing identification number as determined by the director. All distinguishing identification numbers shall contain seventeen characters in conformance with national standards. When the manufacturer's vehicle identification number is known, it shall be used by the department as the assigned number. In the case of an assembled all-terrain vehicle, utility-type vehicle, or minibike or assembled vehicle, the department shall use a distinguishing identification number. The department shall, upon application by an owner, provide the owner with a number plate or a permanent sticker or other form of marking or identification displaying a distinguishing identification number or the manufacturer's number.
- (3) Any vehicle to which a distinguishing identification number is assigned shall be titled under such distinguishing identification number when titling of the vehicle is required under the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act.
- Sec. 13. Section 60-149, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:
- 60-149 (1)(a) If a certificate of title has previously been issued for a vehicle in this state, the application for a new certificate of title shall be accompanied by the certificate of title duly assigned except as otherwise provided in the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act.
- (b) If a certificate of title has not previously been issued for the vehicle in this state or if a certificate of title is unavailable pursuant to subsection (4) of section 52-1801, the application shall be accompanied by:
- (i) A manufacturer's or importer's certificate except as otherwise provided in subdivision (vii) of this subdivision;
- (ii) A duly certified copy thereof; of the manufacturer's or importer's certificate;
- (iii) An affidavit by the owner affirming ownership in the case of an all-terrain vehicle, a utility-type vehicle, or a minibike;
  - (iv) A certificate of title from another state;
- (v) A court order issued by a court of record, a manufacturer's certificate of origin, or an assigned registration certificate, if the law of the state from which the vehicle was brought into this state does not have a certificate of title law;  $\frac{1}{2}$
- (vi) Documentation prescribed in section 60-142.01, 60-142.02, 60-142.04, or 60-142.05; or.
- (vii) A manufacturer's or importer's certificate and an affidavit by the owner affirming ownership in the case of a minitruck.
- (c) If the application for a certificate of title in this state is accompanied by a valid certificate of title issued by another state which meets that state's requirements for transfer of ownership, then the application may be accepted by this state.
- (d) If a certificate of title has not previously been issued for the vehicle in this state and the applicant is unable to provide such documentation, the applicant may apply for a bonded certificate of title as

prescribed in section 60-167.

(2) For purposes of this section, certificate of title includes a salvage certificate, a salvage branded certificate of title, or any other document of ownership issued by another state or jurisdiction for a salvage vehicle. Only a salvage branded certificate of title shall be issued to any vehicle conveyed upon a salvage certificate, a salvage branded certificate of title, or any other document of ownership issued by another state or jurisdiction for a salvage vehicle.

(3) The county clerk or designated county official shall retain the evidence of title presented by the applicant and on which the certificate of title is issued.

Sec. 14. Section 60-153, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

60-153 (1) A certificate of title shall be printed upon safety security paper to be selected by the department. The certificate of title, manufacturer's statement of origin, and assignment of manufacturer's certificate shall be upon forms prescribed by the department and may include, but shall not be limited to, county of issuance, date of issuance, certificate of title number, previous certificate of title number, vehicle identification number, year, make, model, and body type of the vehicle, name and residential and mailing address of the owner, acquisition date, issuing county clerk's or designated county official's signature and official seal, and sufficient space for the notation and release of liens, mortgages, or encumbrances, if any. A certificate of title issued on or after September 1, 2007, shall include the words "void if altered". A certificate of title that is altered shall be deemed a mutilated certificate of title. The certificate of title of an all-terrain vehicle, utility-type vehicle, or minibike shall include the words "not to be registered for road use".

- (2) An assignment of certificate of title shall appear on each certificate of title and shall include, but not be limited to, a statement that the owner of the vehicle assigns all his or her right, title, and interest in the vehicle, the name and address of the assignee, the name and address of the lienholder or secured party, if any, and the signature of the owner or the owner's parent, legal guardian, foster parent, or agent in the case of an owner who is a handicapped or disabled person as defined in section 18-1738.
- (3) A reassignment by a dealer shall appear on each certificate of title and shall include, but not be limited to, a statement that the dealer assigns all his or her right, title, and interest in the vehicle, the name and address of the assignee, the name and address of the lienholder or secured party, if any, and the signature of the dealer or designated representative. Reassignments shall be printed on the reverse side of each certificate of title as many times as convenient.
- (4) The department may prescribe a secure power-of-attorney form and may contract with one or more persons to develop, provide, sell, and distribute secure power-of-attorney forms in the manner authorized or required by the federal Truth in Mileage Act of 1986 and any other federal law or regulation. Any secure power-of-attorney form authorized pursuant to a contract shall conform to the terms of the contract and be in strict compliance with the requirements of the department.

Sec. 15. Section 60-154, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

60-154 (1)(a) For each original certificate of title issued by a county for a motor vehicle or trailer, the fee shall be ten dollars. Three dollars and twenty-five cents shall be retained by the county. Four dollars shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund. Two dollars shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the General Fund. Seventy-five cents shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit as follows: Twenty cents to the Motor Vehicle Fraud Cash Fund; forty-five cents to the Nebraska State Patrol Cash Fund; and ten cents to the Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Fund.

- (b) For each original certificate of title issued by a county for an all-terrain vehicle, a utility-type vehicle, or a minibike, the fee shall be ten dollars. Three dollars and twenty-five cents shall be retained by the county. Four dollars shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund. Two dollars shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the General Fund. Seventy-five cents shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit as follows: Twenty cents to the Motor Vehicle Fraud Cash Fund; and fifty-five cents to the Nebraska State Patrol Cash Fund.
- (2) For each original certificate of title issued by the department for a vehicle except as provided in section 60-159.01, the fee shall be ten

dollars, which shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Motor Carrier Division Cash Fund.

Sec. 16. Section 60-154.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

60-154.01 The Motor Vehicle Fraud Cash Fund is created. The fund shall be maintained by the Department of Justice and administered by the Attorney General. The fund shall consist of revenue credited pursuant to section 60-154. The fund shall only be used by the Department of Justice for expenses incurred and related to (1) the investigation and prosecution of odometer and motor vehicle fraud and motor vehicle licensing violations which may be referred by the Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board and (2) the investigation and prosecution of fraud relating to and theft of all-terrain vehicles, utility-type vehicles, and minibikes. Expenditures from the fund shall be approved by the Attorney General as authorized by law. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

Sec. 17. Section 60--164, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2009, is amended to read:

60-164 (1) The department shall implement an electronic title and lien system for vehicles no later than January 1, 2011. The director shall designate the date for the implementation of the system. Beginning on the implementation date, the holder of a security interest, trust receipt, conditional sales contract, or similar instrument regarding a vehicle may file a lien electronically as prescribed by the department. Beginning on the implementation date, upon receipt of an application for a certificate of title for a vehicle, any lien filed electronically shall become part of the electronic certificate of title record created by the county clerk, designated county official, or department maintained on the electronic title and lien system. Beginning on the implementation date, if an application for a certificate of title indicates that there is a lien or encumbrance on a vehicle or if a lien or notice of lien has been filed electronically, the department shall retain an electronic certificate of title record and shall note and cancel such liens electronically on the system. The department shall provide access to the electronic certificate of title records for motor vehicle dealers and lienholders who participate in the system by a method determined by the director.

(2) Except as provided in section 60-165, the provisions of article 9, Uniform Commercial Code, shall never be construed to apply to or to permit or require the deposit, filing, or other record whatsoever of a security agreement, conveyance intended to operate as a mortgage, trust receipt, conditional sales contract, or similar instrument or any copy of the same covering a vehicle. Any mortgage, conveyance intended to operate as a security agreement as provided by article 9, Uniform Commercial Code, trust receipt, conditional sales contract, or other similar instrument covering a vehicle, if such instrument is accompanied by delivery of such manufacturer's or importer's certificate and followed by actual and continued possession of the same by the holder of such instrument or, in the case of a certificate of title, if a notation of the same has been made electronically as prescribed in subsection (1) of this section or by the county clerk, designated county official, or department on the face of the certificate of title or on the electronic certificate of title record, shall be valid as against the creditors of the debtor, whether armed with process or not, and subsequent purchasers, secured parties, and other lienholders or claimants but otherwise shall not be valid against them, except that during any period in which a vehicle is inventory, as defined in section 9-102, Uniform Commercial Code, held for sale by a person or corporation that is required to be licensed as provided in Chapter 60, article 14, and is in the business of selling such vehicles, the filing provisions of article 9, Uniform Commercial Code, as applied to inventory, shall apply to a security interest in such vehicle created by such person or corporation as debtor without the notation of lien on the certificate of title. A buyer of a vehicle at retail from a dealer required to be licensed as provided in Chapter 60, article 14, shall take such vehicle free of any security interest. A purchase-money security interest, as defined in section 9-103, Uniform Commercial Code, in a vehicle is perfected against the rights of judicial lien creditors and execution creditors on and after the date the purchase-money security interest attaches.

(3) Subject to subsections (1) and (2) of this section, all liens, security agreements, and encumbrances noted upon a certificate of title or an electronic certificate of title record and all liens noted electronically as prescribed in subsection (1) of this section shall take priority according to the order of time in which the same are noted by the county clerk, designated

county official, or department. Exposure for sale of any vehicle by the owner thereof with the knowledge or with the knowledge and consent of the holder of any lien, security agreement, or encumbrance on such vehicle shall not render the same void or ineffective as against the creditors of such owner or holder of subsequent liens, security agreements, or encumbrances upon such vehicle.

- (4) The holder of a security agreement, trust receipt, conditional sales contract, or similar instrument, upon presentation of such instrument to the department, or to any county clerk or designated county official, together with the certificate of title and the fee prescribed for notation of lien, may have a notation of such lien made on the face of such certificate of title. The owner of a vehicle may present a valid out-of-state certificate of title issued to such owner for such vehicle with a notation of lien on such certificate of title and the prescribed fee to the county clerk, designated county official, or department and have the notation of lien made on the new certificate of title issued pursuant to section 60-144 without presenting a copy of the lien instrument. The county clerk or designated county official or the department shall enter the notation and the date thereof over the signature of the person making the notation and the seal of the office. If noted by a county clerk or designated county official, he or she shall on that day notify the department which shall note the lien on its records. The county clerk or designated county official or the department shall also indicate by appropriate notation and on such instrument itself the fact that such lien has been noted on the certificate of title.
- (5) A transaction does not create a sale or a security interest in a vehicle, other than an all-terrain vehicle, a utility-type vehicle, or a minibike, merely because it provides that the rental price is permitted or required to be adjusted under the agreement either upward or downward by reference to the amount realized upon sale or other disposition of the vehicle.
- (6) The county clerk or designated county official or the department, upon receipt of a lien instrument duly signed by the owner in the manner prescribed by law governing such lien instruments together with the fee prescribed for notation of lien, shall notify the first lienholder to deliver to the county clerk or designated county official or the department, within fifteen days after the date of notice, the certificate of title to permit notation of such other lien and, after notation of such other lien, the county clerk or designated county official or the department shall deliver the certificate of title to the first lienholder. The holder of a certificate of title who refuses to deliver a certificate of title to the county clerk or designated county official or the department for the purpose of showing such other lien on such certificate of title within fifteen days after the date of notice shall be liable for damages to such other lienholder for the amount of damages such other lienholder suffered by reason of the holder of the certificate of title refusing to permit the showing of such lien on the certificate of title.
- (7) Beginning on the implementation date of the electronic title and lien system, upon receipt of a subsequent lien instrument duly signed by the owner in the manner prescribed by law governing such lien instruments or a notice of lien filed electronically, together with an application for notation of the subsequent lien, the fee prescribed in section 60-154, and, if a printed certificate of title exists, the presentation of the certificate of title, the county clerk, designated county official, or department shall make notation of such other lien. If the certificate of title is not an electronic certificate of title record, the county clerk, designated county official, or department, upon receipt of a lien instrument duly signed by the owner in the manner prescribed by law governing such lien instruments together with the fee prescribed for notation of lien, shall notify the first lienholder to deliver to the county clerk, designated county official, or department, within fifteen days after the date of notice, the certificate of title to permit notation of such other lien. After such notation of lien, the lien shall become part of the electronic certificate of title record created by the county clerk, designated county official, or department which is maintained on the electronic title and lien system. The holder of a certificate of title who refuses to deliver a certificate of title to the county clerk, designated county official, or department for the purpose of noting such other lien on such certificate of title within fifteen days after the date when notified to do so shall be liable for damages to such other lienholder for the amount of damages such other lienholder suffered by reason of the holder of the certificate of title refusing to permit the noting of such lien on the certificate of title.
- (8) When a lien is discharged, the holder shall, within fifteen days after payment is received, note a cancellation of the lien on the certificate

of title over his, her, or its signature and deliver the certificate of title to the county clerk or designated county official or the department, which shall note the cancellation of the lien on the face of the certificate of title and on the records of such office. If delivered to a county clerk or designated county official, he or she shall on that day notify the department which shall note the cancellation on its records. The county clerk or designated county official or the department shall then return the certificate of title to the owner or as otherwise directed by the owner. The cancellation of lien shall be noted on the certificate of title without charge. For an electronic certificate of title record, the lienholder shall, within fifteen days after payment is received when such lien is discharged, notify the department electronically or provide written notice of such lien release, in a manner prescribed by the department, to the county clerk, designated county official, or department. The department shall note the cancellation of lien and, if no other liens exist, issue the certificate of title to the owner or as otherwise directed by the owner or lienholder. If the holder of the title cannot locate a lienholder, a lien may be discharged ten years after the date of filing by presenting proof that thirty days have passed since the mailing of a written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last-known address of the lienholder.

Sec. 18. Section 60--165, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2009, is amended to read:

60-165 (1) Any security interest in an all-terrain vehicle or minibike perfected pursuant to article 9, Uniform Commercial Code, before, on, or after January 1, 2004, or in a utility-type vehicle so perfected before, on, or after January 1, 2011, shall continue to be perfected until (a) the financing statement perfecting such security interest is terminated or lapses in the absence of the filing of a continuation statement pursuant to article 9, Uniform Commercial Code, or (b) an all-terrain vehicle, utility-type vehicle, or minibike certificate of title is issued and a notation of lien is made as provided in section 60-164.

- (2) Any lien noted on the face of an all-terrain vehicle, utility-type vehicle, or minibike certificate of title or on an electronic certificate of title record pursuant to subsection (1), (3), or (4) of this section, on behalf of the holder of a security interest in the all-terrain vehicle, utility-type vehicle, or minibike which was previously perfected pursuant to article 9, Uniform Commercial Code, shall have priority as of the date such security interest was originally perfected.
- (3) The holder of a certificate of title for an all-terrain vehicle, utility-type vehicle, or minibike shall, upon request, surrender the certificate of title to a holder of a previously perfected security interest in the all-terrain vehicle, utility-type vehicle, or minibike to permit notation of a lien on the certificate of title or on an electronic certificate of title record and shall do such other acts as may be required to permit such notation.
- (4) If the owner of an all-terrain vehicle or minibike subject to a security interest perfected pursuant to article 9, Uniform Commercial Code, fails or refuses to obtain a certificate of title after January 1, 2004, the security interest holder may obtain a certificate of title in the name of the owner of the all-terrain vehicle or minibike following the procedures of section 60-144 and may have a lien noted on the certificate of title or on an electronic certificate of title record pursuant to section 60-164.
- (5) If the owner of a utility-type vehicle subject to a security interest perfected pursuant to article 9, Uniform Commercial Code, fails or refuses to obtain a certificate of title after January 1, 2011, the security interest holder may obtain a certificate of title in the name of the owner of the utility-type vehicle following the procedures of section 60-144 and may have a lien noted on the certificate of title or on an electronic certificate of title record pursuant to section 60-164.
- (5) (6) The assignment, release, or satisfaction of a security interest in an all-terrain vehicle, utility-type vehicle, or minibike shall be governed by the laws under which it was perfected.
- Sec. 19. Section 60-171, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:
  - 60-171 For purposes of sections 60-171 to 60-177:
- (1) Cost of repairs means the estimated or actual retail cost of parts needed to repair a vehicle plus the cost of labor computed by using the hourly labor rate and time allocations for repair that are customary and reasonable. Retail cost of parts and labor rates may be based upon collision estimating manuals or electronic computer estimating systems customarily used in the insurance industry;
  - (2) Late model vehicle means a vehicle which has (a) a

manufacturer's model year designation of, or later than, the year in which the vehicle was wrecked, damaged, or destroyed, or any of the six preceding years or (b)(i) in the case of vehicles other than all-terrain vehicles, utility-type vehicles, and minibikes, a retail value of more than ten thousand five hundred dollars until January 1, 2010, and a retail value of more than ten thousand five hundred dollars increased by five hundred dollars every five years thereafter or (ii) in the case of all-terrain vehicles, utility-type vehicles, or minibikes, a retail value of more than one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars until January 1, 2010, and a retail value of more than one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars increased by two hundred fifty dollars every five years thereafter;

- (3) Manufacturer buyback means the designation of a vehicle with an alleged nonconformity when the vehicle (a) has been replaced by a manufacturer or (b) has been repurchased by a manufacturer as the result of court judgment, arbitration, or any voluntary agreement entered into between the manufacturer or its agent and a consumer;
- (4) Previously salvaged means the designation of a rebuilt or reconstructed vehicle which was previously required to be issued a salvage branded certificate of title and which has been inspected as provided in section 60-146;
- (5) Retail value means the actual cash value, fair market value, or retail value of a vehicle as (a) set forth in a current edition of any nationally recognized compilation, including automated data bases, of retail values or (b) determined pursuant to a market survey of comparable vehicles with respect to condition and equipment; and
  - (6) Salvage means the designation of a vehicle which is:
- (a) A late model vehicle which has been wrecked, damaged, or destroyed to the extent that the estimated total cost of repair to rebuild or reconstruct the vehicle to its condition immediately before it was wrecked, damaged, or destroyed and to restore the vehicle to a condition for legal operation, meets or exceeds seventy-five percent of the retail value of the vehicle at the time it was wrecked, damaged, or destroyed; or
- (b) Voluntarily designated by the owner of the vehicle as a salvage vehicle by obtaining a salvage branded certificate of title, without respect to the damage to, age of, or value of the vehicle.
- Sec. 20. Section 60-301, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2009, is amended to read:
- 60-301 Sections 60-301 to 60-3,222 and sections 22, 24, and 27 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Motor Vehicle Registration Act.
- Sec. 21. Section 60-302, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:
- 60-302 For purposes of the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the definitions found in sections 60-303 to 60-360 and sections 22 and 24 of this act shall be used.
- Sec. 22. Minitruck means a foreign-manufactured import vehicle or domestic-manufactured vehicle which (1) is powered by an internal combustion engine with a piston or rotor displacement of one thousand cubic centimeters or less, (2) is sixty-seven inches or less in width, (3) has a dry weight of four thousand two hundred pounds or less, (4) travels on four or more tires, (5) has a top speed of approximately fifty-five miles per hour, (6) is equipped with a bed or compartment for hauling, (7) has an enclosed passenger cab, (8) is equipped with headlights, taillights, turnsignals, windshield wipers, a rearview mirror, and an occupant protection system, and (9) has a four-speed, five-speed, or automatic transmission.
- Sec. 23. Section 60-339, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

60-339 Motor vehicle means any vehicle propelled by any power other than muscular power. Motor vehicle does not include except (1) mopeds, (2) farm tractors, (3) self-propelled equipment designed and used exclusively to carry and apply fertilizer, chemicals, or related products to agricultural soil and crops, agricultural floater-spreader implements, and other implements of husbandry designed for and used primarily for tilling the soil and harvesting crops or feeding livestock, (4) power unit hay grinders or a combination which includes a power unit and a hay grinder when operated without cargo, (5) vehicles which run only on rails or tracks, (6) off-road designed vehicles, including, but not limited to, golf carts, go-carts, riding lawnmowers, garden tractors, all-terrain vehicles, utility-type vehicles, snowmobiles registered or exempt from registration under sections 60-3,207 to 60-3,219, and minibikes, (7) road and general-purpose construction and maintenance machinery not designed or used primarily for the transportation of persons or property, including, but not limited to, ditchdigging apparatus,

asphalt spreaders, bucket loaders, leveling graders, earthmoving carryalls, power shovels, earthmoving equipment, and crawler tractors, (8) self-propelled chairs used by persons who are disabled, (9) electric personal assistive mobility devices, and (10) low-speed vehicles.

Sec. 24. (1) Utility-type vehicle means any motorized off-highway vehicle which (a) is not less than forty-eight inches nor more than seventy-four inches in width, (b) is not more than one hundred thirty-five inches, including the bumper, in length, (c) has a dry weight of not less than nine hundred pounds nor more than two thousand pounds, (d) travels on four or more low-pressure tires, and (e) is equipped with a steering wheel and bench or bucket-type seating designed for at least two people to sit side-by-side.

(2) Utility-type vehicle does not include golf carts or low-speed vehicles.

Sec. 25. Section 60-3,100, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

60-3,100 (1) The department shall issue to every person whose motor vehicle or trailer is registered 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, motorcycles, minitrucks, truck-tractors, trailers, buses, and apportionable vehicles. 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. Motorcycle, minitruck, and trailer license plate letters and numerals may be one-half the size of those required in this section.

(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. 26. Section 60-3,104, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2009, is amended to read:

60-3,104 The department shall issue the following types of license plates:

- (1) Amateur radio station license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,126;
- (2) Apportionable vehicle license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,203;
  - (3) Boat dealer license plates issued pursuant to section 60-379;
  - (4) Bus license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,144;
- (5) Commercial motor vehicle license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,147;
- (6) Dealer or manufacturer license plates issued pursuant to sections 60-3,114 and 60-3,115;
- (7) Disabled veteran license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,124;
  - (8) Farm trailer license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,151;
  - (9) Farm truck license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,146;
- (10) Farm trucks with a gross weight of over sixteen tons license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,146;
- (11) Fertilizer trailer license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,151;
  - (12) Film vehicle license plates issued pursuant to section 60-383;
- (13) Gold Star Family license plates issued pursuant to sections 60--3,122.01 and 60--3,122.02;
- (14) Handicapped or disabled person license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,113;
- (15) Historical vehicle license plates issued pursuant to sections 60-3,130 to 60-3,134;
  - (16) Local truck license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,145;
  - (17) Minitruck license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,100;
- (17) Motor vehicle license plates for motor vehicles owned or operated by the state, counties, municipalities, or school districts issued pursuant to section 60-3,105;
  - (18) (19) Motor vehicles exempt pursuant to section 60-3,107;
  - (19) (20) Motorcycle license plates issued pursuant to section

60-3,100;

 $\frac{\mbox{(20)}}{\mbox{(21)}}$  Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates issued pursuant to sections 60-3,127 to 60-3,129;

 $\frac{(21)}{(22)}$  Nonresident owner thirty-day license plates issued pursuant to section 60-382;

(22) (23) Passenger car having a seating capacity of ten persons or less and not used for hire issued pursuant to section 60-3,143;

 $\frac{(23)}{(24)}$  Passenger car having a seating capacity of ten persons or less and used for hire issued pursuant to section 60-3,143;

(24) (25) Pearl Harbor license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,122;

 $\frac{(25)}{(26)}$  Personal-use dealer license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,116;

(26) Personalized message license plates for motor vehicles and cabin trailers, except commercial motor vehicles registered for over ten tons gross weight, issued pursuant to sections 60-3,118 to 60-3,121;

 $\frac{(27)}{(28)}$  Prisoner-of-war license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,123;

 $\frac{(28)}{(29)}$  Purple Heart license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,125;

 $\frac{(29)}{(30)}$  Recreational vehicle license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,151;

 $\frac{(30)}{(31)}$  Repossession license plates issued pursuant to section 60-375;

 $\frac{(31)}{(32)}$  Specialty license plates issued pursuant to sections 60-3,104.01 and 60-3,104.02;

 $\frac{(32)}{(33)}$  Trailer license plates issued for trailers owned or operated by the state, counties, municipalities, or school districts issued pursuant to section 60-3,106;

 $\frac{(33)}{(34)}$  Trailer license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,100;

(34) (35) Trailers exempt pursuant to section 60-3,108;

(35) (36) Transporter license plates issued pursuant to section 60-378;

(36) (37) Trucks or combinations of trucks, truck-tractors, or trailers which are not for hire and engaged in soil and water conservation work and used for the purpose of transporting pipe and equipment exclusively used by such contractors for soil and water conservation construction license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,149;

 $\frac{(37)}{(38)}$  Utility trailer license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,151; and

(38) (39) Well-boring apparatus and well-servicing equipment license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,109.

Sec. 27. For the registration of every minitruck, the fee shall be fifteen dollars.

Sec. 28. Section 60-3,187, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

60-3,187 (1) The motor vehicle tax schedules are set out in this section.

(2) The motor vehicle tax shall be calculated by multiplying the base tax times the fraction which corresponds to the age category of the vehicle as shown in the following table:

| YEAR    | FRACTION |
|---------|----------|
| First   | 1.00     |
| Second  | 0.90     |
| Third   | 0.80     |
| Fourth  | 0.70     |
| Fifth   | 0.60     |
| Sixth   | 0.51     |
| Seventh | 0.42     |
| Eighth  | 0.33     |
| Ninth   | 0.24     |

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Tenth and Eleventh 0.15 Twelfth and Thirteenth 0.07 Fourteenth and older 0.00

(3) The base tax shall be:(a) Automobiles and motorcycles — An amount determined using the following table:

| Value when new       | Base tax |
|----------------------|----------|
| Up to \$3,999        | \$ 25    |
| \$4,000 to \$5,999   | 35       |
| \$6,000 to \$7,999   | 45       |
| \$8,000 to \$9,999   | 60       |
| \$10,000 to \$11,999 | 100      |
| \$12,000 to \$13,999 | 140      |
| \$14,000 to \$15,999 | 180      |
| \$16,000 to \$17,999 | 220      |
| \$18,000 to \$19,999 | 260      |
| \$20,000 to \$21,999 | 300      |
| \$22,000 to \$23,999 | 340      |
| \$24,000 to \$25,999 | 380      |
| \$26,000 to \$27,999 | 420      |
| \$28,000 to \$29,999 | 460      |
| \$30,000 to \$31,999 | 500      |
| \$32,000 to \$33,999 | 540      |
| \$34,000 to \$35,999 | 580      |
| \$36,000 to \$37,999 | 620      |
| \$38,000 to \$39,999 | 660      |
| \$40,000 to \$41,999 | 700      |
| \$42,000 to \$43,999 | 740      |
| \$44,000 to \$45,999 | 780      |
| \$46,000 to \$47,999 | 820      |
| \$48,000 to \$49,999 | 860      |
| \$50,000 to \$51,999 | 900      |
| \$52,000 to \$53,999 | 940      |
| \$54,000 to \$55,999 | 980      |
| \$56,000 to \$57,999 | 1,020    |
| \$58,000 to \$59,999 | 1,060    |
| \$60,000 to \$61,999 | 1,100    |
| \$62,000 to \$63,999 | 1,140    |

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| 1,180 |
| 1,220 |
| 1,260 |
| 1,300 |
| 1,340 |
| 1,380 |
| 1,420 |
| 1,460 |
| 1,500 |
| 1,540 |
| 1,580 |
| 1,620 |
| 1,660 |
| 1,700 |
| 1,740 |
| 1,780 |
| 1,820 |
| 1,860 |
| 1,900 |
|       |

- (b) Assembled automobiles \$60
- (c) Assembled motorcycles \$25
- (d) Cabin trailers, up to one thousand pounds \$10
- (e) Cabin trailers, one thousand pounds and over and less than two thousand pounds \$25
  - (f) Cabin trailers, two thousand pounds and over \$40
  - (g) Recreational vehicles, less than eight thousand pounds \$160
- (h) Recreational vehicles, eight thousand pounds and over and less than twelve thousand pounds \$410
  - (i) Recreational vehicles, twelve thousand pounds and over \$860
- (j) Assembled recreational vehicles and buses shall follow the schedules for body type and registered weight
  - (k) Trucks Over seven tons and less than ten tons \$360
  - (1) Trucks Ten tons and over and less than thirteen tons \$560
  - (m) Trucks Thirteen tons and over and less than sixteen tons —
- \$760
  (n) Trucks Sixteen tons and over and less than twenty-five tons \$960
  - (o) Trucks Twenty-five tons and over \$1,160
  - (p) Buses \$360
  - (q) Trailers other than semitrailers \$10
  - (r) Semitrailers \$110
  - (s) Minitrucks \$50
- (4) For purposes of subsection (3) of this section, truck means all trucks and combinations of trucks except those trucks, trailers, or combinations thereof registered under section 60-3,198, and the tax is based on the gross vehicle weight rating as reported by the manufacturer.
- (5) Current model year vehicles are designated as first-year motor vehicles for purposes of the schedules.
- (6) When a motor vehicle is registered which is newer than the current model year by the manufacturer's designation, the motor vehicle is subject to the initial motor vehicle tax in the first registration period and ninety-five percent of the initial motor vehicle tax in the second registration period.
  - (7) Assembled cabin trailers, assembled recreational vehicles, and

assembled buses shall be designated as sixth-year motor vehicles in their first year of registration for purposes of the schedules.

(8) When a motor vehicle is registered which is required to have a title branded as previous salvage pursuant to section 60-175, the motor vehicle tax shall be reduced by twenty-five percent.

Sec. 29. Section 60-3,190, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

- 60-3,190 (1) A motor vehicle fee is imposed on all motor vehicles registered for operation in this state. An owner of a motor vehicle which is exempt from the imposition of a motor vehicle tax pursuant to section 60-3,185 shall also be exempt from the imposition of the motor vehicle fee imposed pursuant to this section.
- (2) The county treasurer or designated county official shall annually determine the motor vehicle fee on each motor vehicle registered in the county based on the age of the motor vehicle pursuant to this section and cause a notice of the amount of the fee to be mailed to the registrant at the address shown upon his or her registration certificate. The notice shall be printed on a form prescribed by the department, shall be combined with the notice of the motor vehicle tax, and shall be mailed on or before the first day of the last month of the registration period.
- (3) The motor vehicle fee schedules are set out in this subsection and subsection (4) of this section. Except for automobiles with a value when new of less than \$20,000, and for assembled automobiles, the fee shall be calculated by multiplying the base fee times the fraction which corresponds to the age category of the automobile as shown in the following table:

| YEAR                | FRACTION |
|---------------------|----------|
| First through fifth | 1.00     |
| Sixth through tenth | .70      |
| Eleventh and over   | .35      |

- (4) The base fee shall be:
- (a) Automobiles, with a value when new of less than \$20,000, and assembled automobiles \$5
- (b) Automobiles, with a value when new of \$20,000 through \$39,999 \$20
  - (c) Automobiles, with a value when new of \$40,000 or more \$30
  - (d) Motorcycles \$10
  - (e) Recreational vehicles and cabin trailers \$10
  - (f) Trucks over seven tons and buses \$30
  - (g) Trailers other than semitrailers \$10
  - (h) Semitrailers − \$30÷
  - (i) Minitrucks \$10.
- (5) The motor vehicle tax, motor vehicle fee, and registration fee shall be paid to the county treasurer or designated official prior to the registration of the motor vehicle for the following registration period. After retaining one percent of the motor vehicle fee collected for costs, the remaining proceeds shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Motor Vehicle Fee Fund. The State Treasurer shall return funds from the Motor Vehicle Fee Fund remitted by a county treasurer or designated county official which are needed for refunds or credits authorized by law.
- (6) (a) The Motor Vehicle Fee Fund is created. On or before the last day of each calendar quarter, the State Treasurer shall distribute all funds in the Motor Vehicle Fee Fund as follows: (i) Fifty percent to the county treasurer of each county, amounts in the same proportion as the most recent allocation received by each county from the Highway Allocation Fund; and (ii) fifty percent to the treasurer of each municipality, amounts in the same proportion as the most recent allocation received by each municipality from the Highway Allocation Fund. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
- (b) Funds from the Motor Vehicle Fee Fund shall be considered local revenue available for matching state sources.
- (c) All receipts by counties and municipalities from the Motor Vehicle Fee Fund shall be used for road, bridge, and street purposes.
- (7) For purposes of subdivisions (4)(a), (b), (c), and (f) of this section, automobiles or trucks includes all trucks and combinations of trucks or truck-tractors, except those trucks, trailers, or semitrailers registered under section 60-3,198, and the fee is based on the gross vehicle weight rating as reported by the manufacturer.

(8) Current model year vehicles are designated as first-year motor vehicles for purposes of the schedules.

- (9) When a motor vehicle is registered which is newer than the current model year by the manufacturer's designation, the motor vehicle is subject to the initial motor vehicle fee for six registration periods.
- (10) Assembled vehicles other than assembled automobiles shall follow the schedules for the motor vehicle body type.

Sec. 30. Section 60-471, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

60-471 Motor vehicle means all vehicles propelled by any power other than muscular power. Motor vehicle does not include except (1) self-propelled chairs used by persons who are disabled, (2) farm tractors, (3) farm tractors used occasionally outside general farm usage, (4) road rollers, (5) vehicles which run only on rails or tracks, (6) electric personal assistive mobility devices as defined in section 60-618.02, and (7) off-road vehicles, including, but not limited to, golf carts, go-carts, riding lawn mowers, garden tractors, all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles as defined in section 60-6,355, minibikes as defined in section 60-636, and snowmobiles as defined in section 60-663.

Sec. 31. Section 60-4,126, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

60-4,126 Any person who is younger than sixteen years of age but is over thirteen years of age and resides upon a farm in this state or is fourteen years of age or older and is employed for compensation upon a farm in this state may obtain a farm permit authorizing the operation of farm tractors, minitrucks, and other motorized implements of farm husbandry upon the highways of this state if the applicant for such farm permit furnishes satisfactory proof of age and satisfactorily demonstrates that he or she has knowledge of the operation of such equipment and of the rules of the road and laws respecting the operation of motor vehicles upon the highways of this state. Any person under sixteen years of age but not less than thirteen years of age may obtain a temporary permit to operate such equipment for a six-month period after presentation to the department of a request for the temporary permit signed by the person's parent or guardian and payment of the fee and surcharge prescribed in section 60-4,115. After the expiration of the six-month period, it shall be unlawful for such person to operate such equipment upon the highways of this state unless he or she has been issued a farm permit under this section. The fee for an original, renewal, or duplicate farm permit shall be the fee and surcharge prescribed in section 60-4,115. All farm permits shall be subject to revocation under the terms of section 60-496. Any person who violates the terms of a farm permit shall be guilty of an infraction and shall not be eligible for another school, farm, LPD-learner's, or LPE-learner's permit until he or she has attained the age of sixteen years.

Sec. 32. Section 60--501, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

60-501 For purposes of the Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) Department means Department of Motor Vehicles;
- (2) Judgment means any judgment which shall have become final by the expiration of the time within which an appeal might have been perfected without being appealed, or by final affirmation on appeal, rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction of any state or of the United States, (a) upon a cause of action arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of any motor vehicle for damages, including damages for care and loss of services, because of bodily injury to or death of any person or for damages because of injury to or destruction of property, including the loss of use thereof, or (b) upon a cause of action on an agreement of settlement for such damages;
- (3) License means any license issued to any person under the laws of this state pertaining to operation of a motor vehicle within this state;
- (4) Minitruck means a foreign-manufactured import vehicle or domestic-manufactured vehicle which (a) is powered by an internal combustion engine with a piston or rotor displacement of one thousand cubic centimeters or less, (b) is sixty-seven inches or less in width, (c) has a dry weight of four thousand two hundred pounds or less, (d) travels on four or more tires, (e) has a top speed of approximately fifty-five miles per hour, (f) is equipped with a bed or compartment for hauling, (g) has an enclosed passenger cab, (h) is equipped with headlights, taillights, turnsignals, windshield wipers, a rearview mirror, and an occupant protection system, and (i) has a four-speed, five-speed, or automatic transmission;
- (4) (5) Motor vehicle means any self-propelled vehicle which is designed for use upon a highway, including trailers designed for use with such vehicles, except and minitrucks. Motor vehicle does not include (a) mopeds as

defined in section 60-637, (b) traction engines, (c) road rollers, (d) farm tractors, (e) tractor cranes, (f) power shovels, (g) well drillers, (h) every vehicle which is propelled by electric power obtained from overhead wires but not operated upon rails, (i) electric personal assistive mobility devices as defined in section 60-618.02, and (j) off-road designed vehicles, including, but not limited to, golf carts, go-carts, riding lawnmowers, garden tractors, all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles as defined in section 60-6,355, minibikes as defined in section 60-636, and snowmobiles as defined in section 60-663:

- (5) Nonresident means every person who is not a resident of this state;
- (6) (7) Nonresident's operating privilege means the privilege conferred upon a nonresident by the laws of this state pertaining to the operation by him or her of a motor vehicle or the use of a motor vehicle owned by him or her in this state;
- $\frac{(7)}{(8)}$  Operator means every person who is in actual physical control of a motor vehicle;
- (8) (9) Owner means a person who holds the legal title of a motor vehicle, or in the event (a) a motor vehicle is the subject of an agreement for the conditional sale or lease thereof with the right of purchase upon performance of the conditions stated in the agreement and with an immediate right of possession vested in the conditional vendee or lessee or (b) a mortgagor of a vehicle is entitled to possession, then such conditional vendee or lessee or mortgagor shall be deemed the owner for the purposes of the act;
- $\frac{(9)}{(10)}$  Person means every natural person, firm, partnership, limited liability company, association, or corporation;
- (10) (11) Proof of financial responsibility means evidence of ability to respond in damages for liability, on account of accidents occurring subsequent to the effective date of such proof, arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle, (a) in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars because of bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident, (b) subject to such limit for one person, in the amount of fifty thousand dollars because of bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in any one accident, and (c) in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars because of injury to or destruction of property of others in any one accident;
- $\frac{(11)}{(12)}$  Registration means registration certificate or certificates and registration plates issued under the laws of this state pertaining to the registration of motor vehicles;
- $\frac{(12)}{(13)}$  State means any state, territory, or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or any province of the Dominion of Canada; and
- $\frac{(13)}{(14)}$  The forfeiture of bail, not vacated, or of collateral deposited to secure an appearance for trial shall be regarded as equivalent to conviction of the offense charged.
- Sec. 33. Section 60-520, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 60-520 Judgments in excess of the amounts specified in subdivision (10) (11) of section 60-501 shall, for the purpose of sections 60-501 to 60-569 the Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act only, be deemed satisfied when payments in the amounts so specified have been credited thereon. Payments + PROVIDED, payments made in settlement of any claims because of bodily injury, death, or property damage arising from a motor vehicle accident shall be credited in reduction of the respective amounts so specified.
- Sec. 34. Section 60-547, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 60-547 Proof of financial responsibility may be evidenced by the bond of a surety company duly authorized to transact business within this state, or a bond with at least two individual sureties who each own real estate within this state, which real estate shall be scheduled in the bond approved by a judge of a court of record. The said bond shall be conditioned for the payment of the amounts specified in subsection (10) subdivision (11) of section 60--501. It shall be filed with the department and shall not be cancelable except after ten days' written notice to the department. Such bond shall constitute a lien in favor of the state upon the real estate so scheduled of any surety, which lien shall exist in favor of any holder of a final judgment against the person who has filed such bond, for damages, including damages for care and loss of services, because of bodily injury to or death of any person, or for damages because of injury to or destruction of property, including the loss of use thereof, resulting from the ownership, maintenance, use, or operation of a motor vehicle after such bond was filed, upon the filing of notice to that effect by the department in the office of the register of deeds of the county where such real estate shall be located.

Sec. 35. Section 60-601, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2009, is amended to read:

60-601 Sections 60-601 to 60-6,378 and sections 37 and 38 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Rules of the Road.

Sec. 36. Section 60-605, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

60-605 For purposes of the Nebraska Rules of the Road, the definitions found in sections 60-606 to 60-676 and section 37 of this act shall be used.

Sec. 37. Minitruck means a foreign-manufactured import vehicle or domestic-manufactured vehicle which (1) is powered by an internal combustion engine with a piston or rotor displacement of one thousand cubic centimeters or less, (2) is sixty-seven inches or less in width, (3) has a dry weight of four thousand two hundred pounds or less, (4) travels on four or more tires, (5) has a top speed of approximately fifty-five miles per hour, (6) is equipped with a bed or compartment for hauling, (7) has an enclosed passenger cab, (8) is equipped with headlights, taillights, turnsignals, windshield wipers, a rearview mirror, and an occupant protection system, and (9) has a four-speed, five-speed, or automatic transmission.

Sec. 38. (1) A minitruck shall not be operated on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, on expressways, or on freeways.

Sec. 39. Section 60-6,355, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

60-6,355 (1) For purposes of sections 60-6,355 to 60-6,362:

(a) All-terrain  $_{7}$  all-terrain vehicle shall mean means any motorized off-highway vehicle which  $_{(1)}$  (i) is fifty inches or less in width,  $_{(2)}$  (ii) has a dry weight of nine hundred pounds or less,  $_{(3)}$  (iii) travels on three or more low-pressure tires,  $_{(4)}$  (iv) is designed for operator use only with no passengers or is specifically designed by the original manufacturer for the operator and one passenger,  $_{(5)}$  (v) has a seat or saddle designed to be straddled by the operator, and  $_{(6)}$  (vi) has handlebars or any other steering assembly for steering control; and.

(b) (i) Utility-type vehicle means any motorized off-highway vehicle which (A) is not less than forty-eight inches nor more than seventy-four inches in width, (B) is not more than one hundred thirty-five inches, including the bumper, in length, (C) has a dry weight of not less than nine hundred pounds nor more than two thousand pounds, (D) travels on four or more low-pressure tires, and (E) is equipped with a steering wheel and bench or bucket-type seating designed for at least two people to sit side-by-side.

(ii) Utility-type vehicle does not include golf carts or low-speed vehicles.

(2) All-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles which have been modified to include additional equipment not required by sections 60-6,357 and 60-6,358 shall not be required to be registered under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act.

Sec. 40. Section 60-6,356, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

60-6,356 (1) An all-terrain vehicle <u>or a utility-type vehicle</u> shall not be operated on any controlled-access highway with more than two marked traffic lanes, and the crossing of any controlled-access highway with more than two marked traffic lanes shall not be permitted. Subsections (2), (3), and (5) through (8) of this section authorize and apply to operation of an all-terrain vehicle <u>or a utility-type vehicle</u> only on a highway other than a controlled-access highway with more than two marked traffic lanes.

(2) An all-terrain vehicle <u>or a utility-type vehicle</u> may be operated in accordance with the operating requirements of subsection (3) of this section:

(a) Outside the corporate limits of a city, village, or unincorporated village if incidental to the vehicle's use for agricultural purposes;

(b) Within the corporate limits of a city or village if authorized by the city or village by ordinance adopted in accordance with this section; or

(c) Within an unincorporated village if authorized by the county board of the county in which the unincorporated village is located by resolution in accordance with this section.

(3) An all-terrain vehicle <u>or a utility-type vehicle</u> may be operated as authorized in subsection (2) of this section when such operation occurs only between the hours of sunrise and sunset. Any person operating an all-terrain vehicle <u>or a utility-type vehicle</u> as authorized in subsection

(2) of this section shall have a valid Class O operator's license or a farm permit as provided in section 60-4,126, shall have liability insurance coverage for the all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle while operating the all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle on a highway, and shall not operate such vehicle at a speed in excess of thirty miles per hour. The person operating the all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle shall provide proof of such insurance coverage to any peace officer requesting such proof within five days of such a request. When operating an all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle as authorized in subsection (2) of this section, the headlight and taillight of the vehicle shall be on and the vehicle shall be equipped with a bicycle safety flag which extends not less than five feet above ground attached to the rear of such vehicle. The bicycle safety flag shall be triangular in shape with an area of not less than thirty square inches and shall be day-glow in color.

- (4) All-terrain vehicles <u>and utility-type vehicles</u> may be operated without complying with subsection (3) of this section on highways in parades which have been authorized by the State of Nebraska or any department, board, commission, or political subdivision of the state.
- (5) Subject to subsection (1) of this section, the crossing of a highway shall be permitted by an all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle without complying with subsection (3) of this section only if:
- (a) The crossing is made at an angle of approximately ninety degrees to the direction of the highway and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing;
- (b) The vehicle is brought to a complete stop before crossing the shoulder or roadway of the highway;
- (c) The operator yields the right-of-way to all oncoming traffic that constitutes an immediate potential hazard;
- (d) In crossing a divided highway, the crossing is made only at an intersection of such highway with another highway; and
- (e) Both the headlight and taillight of the vehicle are on when the crossing is made.
- (6) All-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles may be operated outside the corporate limits of any municipality by electric utility personnel within the course of their employment in accordance with the operation requirements of subsection (3) of this section, except that the operation of the vehicle pursuant to this subsection need not be limited to the hours between sunrise and sunset.
- (7) A city or village may adopt an ordinance authorizing the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles within the corporate limits of the city or village if the operation is in accordance with subsection (3) of this section. The city or village may place other restrictions on the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles within its corporate limits.
- (8) A county board may adopt a resolution authorizing the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles within any unincorporated village within the county if the operation is in accordance with subsection (3) of this section. The county may place other restrictions on the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles within the unincorporated village.
- Sec. 41. Section 60-6,357, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 60-6,357 Every all-terrain vehicle <u>and utility-type vehicle</u> shall display a lighted headlight and taillight during the period of time from sunset to sunrise and at any time when visibility is reduced due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions.
- Sec. 42. Section 60-6,358, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 60-6,358 Every all-terrain vehicle <u>and utility-type vehicle</u> shall be equipped with:
  - (1) A brake system maintained in good operating condition;
  - (2) An adequate muffler system in good working condition; and
  - (3) A United States Forest Service qualified spark arrester.
- Sec. 43. Section 60-6,359, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

60-6,359 No person shall:

- (1) Equip the exhaust system of an all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle with a cutout, bypass, or similar device;
- (2) Operate an all-terrain vehicle  $\underline{\text{or a utility-type vehicle}}$  with an exhaust system so modified; or
- (3) Operate an all-terrain vehicle  $\underline{\text{or a utility-type vehicle}}$  with the spark arrester removed or modified except for use in closed-course

competition events.

Sec. 44. Section 60-6,360, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

60-6,360 All-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles participating in competitive events may be exempted from sections 60-6,357 to 60-6,359 at the discretion of the Director of Motor Vehicles.

Sec. 45. Section 60-6,361, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

60-6,361 If an accident results in the death of any person or in the injury of any person which requires the treatment of the person by a physician, the operator of each all-terrain vehicle or utility-type vehicle involved in the accident shall give notice of the accident in the same manner as provided in section 60-699.

Sec. 46. Section 60--1901, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2009, is amended to read:

60-1901 (1) A motor vehicle is an abandoned vehicle:

- (a) If left unattended, with no license plates or valid In Transit stickers issued pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Registration Act affixed thereto, for more than six hours on any public property;
- (b) If left unattended for more than twenty-four hours on any public property, except a portion thereof on which parking is legally permitted;
- (c) If left unattended for more than forty-eight hours, after the parking of such vehicle has become illegal, if left on a portion of any public property on which parking is legally permitted;
- (d) If left unattended for more than seven days on private property if left initially without permission of the owner, or after permission of the owner is terminated;
- (e) If left for more than thirty days in the custody of a law enforcement agency after the agency has sent a letter to the last-registered owner under section 60-1903.01; or
- (f) If removed from private property by a municipality pursuant to a municipal ordinance.
- (2) An all-terrain vehicle, a utility-type vehicle, or a minibike is an abandoned vehicle:
- (a) If left unattended for more than twenty-four hours on any public property, except a portion thereof on which parking is legally permitted;
- (b) If left unattended for more than forty-eight hours, after the parking of such vehicle has become illegal, if left on a portion of any public property on which parking is legally permitted;
- (c) If left unattended for more than seven days on private property if left initially without permission of the owner, or after permission of the owner is terminated;
- (d) If left for more than thirty days in the custody of a law enforcement agency after the agency has sent a letter to the last-registered owner under section 60-1903.01; or
- (e) If removed from private property by a municipality pursuant to a municipal ordinance.
  - (3) For purposes of this section:
- (a) Public property means any public right-of-way, street, highway, alley, or park or other state, county, or municipally owned property; and
- (b) Private property means any privately owned property which is not included within the definition of public property.
- (4) No motor vehicle subject to forfeiture under section 28-431 shall be an abandoned vehicle under this section.

Sec. 47. This act becomes operative on January 1, 2011.

Sec. 48. Original sections 60-471, 60-501, 60-520, 60-547, 60-6,357, 60-6,358, 60-6,359, 60-6,360, and 60-6,361, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 60-102, 60-123, 60-136, 60-137, 60-148, 60-149, 60-153, 60-154, 60-154.01, 60-171, 60-302, 60-339, 60-3,100, 60-3,187, 60-3,190, 60-4,126, 60-605, 60-6,355, and 60-6,356, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, and sections 23-186, 30-24,125, 60-101, 60-144, 60-164, 60-165, 60-301, 60-3,104, 60-601, and 60-1901, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2009, are repealed.