

# **One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB289**

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**Chairperson: Senator Deb Fischer**

**Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications**

**Date of Hearing: February 15, 2011**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 289 provides for the operation of low-speed vehicles on Nebraska roads and highways for which the speed limit is less than thirty-five miles per hour. A low-speed vehicle is defined as a four-wheeled motor vehicle 1) that attains speeds more than twenty miles per hour and not more than twenty-five miles per hour on a paved, level surface; 2) whose gross vehicle weight rating is less than three thousand pounds; and 3) that complies with applicable federal regulations on low-speed vehicles.

Under the bill, there would be a registration fee of fifteen dollars for all low-speed vehicles, and new low-speed vehicles purchased on or after January 1, 2012 would be required to have a certificate of title. Any person operating a low-speed vehicle would be required to carry liability insurance coverage, possess a valid Class O operator's license and vehicle registration, and pay all applicable motor vehicle taxes and fees.

LB 289 also repeals the Alternative Fuel Tax Act and replaces it with an alternative fuel fee. The fee would be set at seventy-five dollars, which is the same as the current alternative fuel tax.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Heath Mello**