

**One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB249**

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**Chairperson: Senator Annette Dubas**

**Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications**

**Date of Hearing: January 28, 2013**

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

To allow Nebraska farmers to take advantage of the new Commercial Drivers License (CDL) exemptions put into place by the new federal highway bill, MAP-21, prior to promulgation of federal rules and regulations.

To comply with new federal law, LB249 amends the definition of "commercial motor vehicle" to exclude "covered farm vehicles" traveling within Nebraska or within a 150 mile radius of their farm, which become exempt from CDL requirements under most circumstances. CDL's are still required to transport placable amounts of hazardous materials.

To add an exemption to hours of service requirements for transport of agricultural commodities or farm supplies within 150 miles of the source, wholesale or retail distribution point, during planting and harvesting season.

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

**Senator Annette Dubas**