

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

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB84**

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**Chairperson: Senator Annette Dubas**

**Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications**

**Date of Hearing: March 18, 2013**

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

Nebraska Law permits the operation of a class of mini-vehicles called Utility-Type Vehicles (UTVs) on the public streets and roads subject to the regulation and consent of the local governing board. However, the law as presently written does not permit the crossing of a controlled access highway with more than 2 marked traffic lanes under any circumstances.

In those areas where the only ingress and egress to a parcel of land is across such a highway or where such highways divide a small community, the law has limited the utility of UTVs. LB 84 would permit the crossing of such a highway by a UTV under 4 conditions: (1) there is a traffic light at the intersection; (2) the crossing is in compliance with the light; (3) the local governing body has authorized crossings by UTVs at that intersection; and (4) there is compliance with all other aspects of the law that authorizes UTV operation.

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

**Senator Paul Schumacher**