

Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB220

Chairperson: Senator Jim Smith

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

Date of Hearing: January 26, 2015

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

LB 220 directs the Department of Motor Vehicles to design, in consultation with the Sesquicentennial Commission, a Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial license plate to commemorate the 150th year of statehood.

The plates will be available in lieu of regular plates beginning October 1, 2015 through December 31, 2022. Initial issuance and renewal of sesquicentennial plates shall be accompanied by a fee of \$70. Eighty-five percent of the funds collected for alphanumeric plates and 57% of the funds collected for personalized plates shall go to the Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial Plate Proceeds Fund.

Under the bill, the Commission is authorized to use money in the Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial Plate Proceeds Fund to develop commemorative events and educational activities that promote Nebraska and its economy by focusing on the state's history, cultural diversity and unique geography. At least 5% of the money in the fund on January 1, 2017 shall be used for grants to support local sesquicentennial projects or events. Beginning July 1, 2018, any money remaining in the fund shall be transferred to the State Historical Society.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Jim Smith