

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB570

Chairperson: Senator Jim Smith

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

Date of Hearing: February 10, 2015

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

LB570 would amend Section 60-6, 381 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes to expand the authority of a city or village to adopt an ordinance authorizing the operation of golf car vehicles within their corporate limits. It also expands the authority of a county board to adopt an ordinance authorizing the operation of golf car vehicles within their county. The city, village, or county will be subject to certain baseline safety requirements:

- operation may occur only between sunrise and sunset;
- operation may occur only on streets with a posted speed limit of thirty-five miles per hour or less; and
- the crossing of other streets only as designated in the ordinance.

A city, village, or county may adopt standards more stringent than the baseline safety requirements.

In addition, any person operating a golf car vehicle authorized under this bill would be required to have a Class O operator's license and have liability insurance coverage for the golf car vehicle. Failure to abide with these requirements would be subject to a Class IV misdemeanor.

The Department of Roads would also have the ability to prohibit the operation of golf cars on any highway under its jurisdiction if it determines that the prohibition is necessary in the interest of public safety.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Lydia Brasch