



News Capsule



Nebraska Autobody Association News & Information

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The Nebraska Department of Insurance published a full-page notice in its quarterly newsletter that reiterates Nebraska laws that require reimbursements for automobiles repairs to be consistent with accepted vehicle repair service and in accordance with Nebraska laws. *"The Nebraska Department of Insurance continues to monitor insurers' claim documentation for compliance with the Nebraska Unfair Claims Settlement Practices Act and Title 210 Chapter 60 as they relate to offering prompt, fair and equitable settlements. It is also a violation of the Unfair Claims Settlement Practices Act to fail to adopt and implement reasonable standards to assure that repairs are performed in a skillful manner"*. [Click here](#) for a low-resolution image of the Nebraska Department of Insurance statement. For a \$15 donation, NABA will send you a durable, high resolution, laminated, full-page copy of the complete statement on official Nebraska letterhead, which makes a great display for your shop. Please make checks payable to NABA, P.O. Box 145, Clay Center, NE 68933.

The Nebraska Autobody Association will be hosting an ice-cream social for Senators and Legislative Aids in the Nebraska State Capitol lunchroom (1st Floor, 15th and K Streets in Lincoln) beginning at 11:30 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 2010. You will also have the opportunity to take a free 30-minute guided tour of the Capitol at 1:00 p.m. To sign up for the ice-cream social and/or tour send an email to [NABA](#). You may wish to send a \$25 donation to NABA to help defray expenses associated with this event.

Nebraska Legislative Updates

A bill that would add additional repairs subject to Nebraska sales tax remains in committee but likely not be voted into law this year. [LB1066](#) would have repealed the sales tax exemption for certain motor vehicle repairs and greatly expanded automotive services that would be subject to sales tax including: a greater number of vehicle repairs; battery, tire and electronics; car rental, wrecking services and welding. Because of Nebraska's budget shortfall [LB1066](#) or a similar bill will likely reappear in next year's legislative session.

Two bills introduced in the Unicameral this year would impact businesses that provide towing services. [LB1092](#) seeks to define maximum towing and storage charges at a rate that is no more than the amount that the city or county would pay for towing services from public property under contracts for services in the city or county in which the towing occurs. While [LB1092](#) stayed in committee it will likely not be adopted into law this year. A second towing bill, [LB 1065](#), would revise the language of existing Nebraska laws and reduce the number of days from thirty-five to five during which time a vehicle has to be returned to the owner. [LB 1065](#) was placed on the General File for consideration by the full legislature. Based on information available at this time neither of the towing bills is expected to become law this year but will likely be introduced again next year.

A bill to reduce traffic accidents by prohibiting the use of handheld wireless communications devices while driving has gained sufficient momentum to move out of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee with Priority Bill Status. Now on the General File, [LB945](#) is waiting for a full vote by legislators. If passed [LB945](#) would prohibit persons from using a handheld wireless communication device to read, manually type, or send a written communication while operating a motor vehicle.

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