LEGISLATIVE BILL 6

Approved by the Governor February 14 , 1995

Introduced by Executive Board: Hall, 7, Chairperson

AN ACT relating to trailers; to amend section 60-6,246, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to delete an incorrect section reference; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 60-6,246, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

60-6,246. (1) All commercial trailers with a carrying capacity of more than ten thousand pounds and semitrailers shall be equipped on each wheel with brakes that can be operated from the driving position of the towing vehicle.

(2) Cabin trailers as defined in sections 60-614 and 71-4603 section 60-614 and recreational trailers having a gross loaded weight of three thousand pounds or more but less than six thousand five hundred pounds shall be equipped with brakes on at least two wheels, and such trailers with a gross loaded weight of six thousand five hundred pounds or more shall be equipped with brakes on each wheel. The brakes shall be operable from the driving position of the towing vehicle. Such trailers shall also be equipped with a breakaway, surge, or impulse switch on the trailer so that the trailer brakes are activated if the trailer becomes disengaged from the towing vehicle. For purposes of this subsection, recreational trailer shall mean a vehicular unit without motive power primarily designed for transporting a motorboat as defined in section 37-1204 or a vessel as defined in section 37-1203.

(3) Cabin trailers, recreational trailers, and utility trailers as defined in section 60-301, when being towed upon a highway, shall be securely connected to the towing vehicle by means of two safety chains or safety cables in addition to the hitch or other primary connecting device. Such safety chains or safety cables shall be so attached and shall be of sufficient breaking load strength so as to prevent any portion of such trailer drawbar from touching the roadway if the hitch or other primary connecting device

becomes disengaged from the towing vehicle.

Original section 60-6,246, Reissue Revised Statutes of Sec. 2. Nebraska, is repealed.