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## LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA

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# LEGISLATIVE BILL 1073

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Committee: Business and Labor

### A BILL

FOR AN ACT relating to labor; to amend section 4-114, Reissue Revised

Statutes of Nebraska; to require employers to e-verify

the immigration status of new employees; to eliminate

obsolete provisions; to provide an operative date; and to

repeal the original section.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 4-114, Reissue Revised Statutes of

- 2 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 3 4-114 (1) For purposes of this section:
- 4 (a) Employer means all employers subject to the Nebraska
- 5 Workers' Compensation Act as provided in section 48-106; and
- 6 (a) (b) Federal immigration verification system means the
- 7 electronic verification of the work authorization program of the
- 8 Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996,
- 9 8 U.S.C. 1324a, known as the E-Verify Program, or an equivalent
- 10 federal program designated by the United States Department of
- 11 Homeland Security or other federal agency authorized to verify the
- 12 work eligibility status of a newly hired employee pursuant to the
- 13 Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.  $\div$
- 14 (b) Public contractor means any contractor or his or her
- 15 subcontractor who is awarded a contract by a public employer for the
- 16 physical performance of services within the State of Nebraska; and
- 17 (c) Public employer means any agency or political
- 18 subdivision of the State of Nebraska.
- 19 (2) Every public employer and public contractor shall
- 20 register with and use a federal immigration verification system to
- 21 determine the work eligibility status of new employees physically
- 22 performing services within the State of Nebraska. Every contract
- 23 between a public an employer and public contractor the employer's
- 24 <u>employees</u> shall contain a provision requiring the <del>public contractor</del>
- 25 <u>employer</u> to use a federal immigration verification system to

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1 determine the work eligibility status of new employees physically

- 2 performing services within the State of Nebraska.
- 3 (3) For two years after October 1, 2009, the The
- 4 Department of Labor shall make available to all private employers
- 5 information regarding the use of the federal immigration verification
- 6 system. and encouraging the use of the federal immigration
- 7 verification system. The department shall report to the Legislature
- 8 no later than December 1, 2011, on the use of a federal immigration
- 9 verification system by Nebraska employers.
- 10 (4) This section does not apply to contracts awarded by a
- 11 public employer prior to October 1, 2009.
- 12 (4) An employer who violates this section is guilty of a
- 13 <u>Class III misdemeanor.</u>
- 14 Sec. 2. This act becomes operative on January 1, 2015.
- Sec. 3. Original section 4-114, Reissue Revised Statutes
- 16 of Nebraska, is repealed.