

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB192**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday January 29, 2019  
**Committee On:** Transportation and Telecommunications  
**Introducer:** McCollister  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to veteran designations on operators' licenses and state identification cards

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Albrecht, Bostelman, Cavanaugh, DeBoer, Friesen, Geist, Hilgers, Hughes

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator John McCollister  
Gregory Holloway  
Ryan McIntosh  
Merwyn Pearson

**Representing:**

Introducer  
NE Veterans Council, DAV, VVA  
Nat'l Guard Assoc of NE  
Self

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

This bill expands the pool of persons who can designate veteran's status on their operators' licenses and state identification cards.

Sections 1, Section 2, and Section 3 provide harmonizing amendments to statutory sections relating to operator's licenses, state ID cards, and commercial motor vehicle operator's licenses.

Section 4 amends Section 60-4,189 and provides additional categories of veterans who can elect to have the designation placed on their licenses or ID cards. The current requirement is that the applicant (a) served on active duty in the armed forces; (b) registers with the Department of Veteran's Affairs so as to be included on a registry; and (c) received an honorable or general discharge.

This bill expands the pool to include members of any branch of the Reserves and members of the National Guard. It would also include commissioned officers in the Public Health Service or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration who were detailed to any branch of the armed forces for service on active or reserve duty, and were discharged with an honorable or general (under honorable conditions) discharge.

The bill would create two additional notations on an operator's license or state ID card. It would include "Guard Veteran"

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and "Reserve Veteran", in addition to the current term "Veteran."

Section 5 amends Section 80-414 relating to the Department of Veterans's Affairs registry. It contains harmonizing language and new language stating that the eligibility requirements for including a veteran's designation on a license or ID card shall apply only for those purposes and not for determining a veteran's Status for any other reason.

Section 6 provides an operating date of January 1, 2020.

Section 7 is the repealer.

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Curt Friesen, Chairperson