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LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE SECOND SESSION

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska Friday, February 21, 2020

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Pastor Greg Lawhorn, Community of Believers Church, Creighton.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Speaker Scheer presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Cavanaugh, B. Hansen, Lathrop, Morfeld, Vargas, Wayne, and Wishart who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the twenty-seventh day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Urban Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 876. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 801. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM2142

- 11. On page 5, line 9, strike "renewal", show as stricken, and insert
- 2 "redevelopment".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 993. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM2138

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 19-612, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2019, is
- 4 amended to read:
- 5 19-612 City council members in a city under the city manager plan of
- 6 government shall be nominated and elected as provided in section 32-538.
- 7 The number of city council members shall be determined by the class and

8 population of the city. In cities having one thousand or more but not 9 more than forty thousand inhabitants as determined by the most recent 10 federal decennial census or the most recent revised certified count by 11 the United States Bureau of the Census, there shall be five members, and 12 in cities having more than forty thousand but less than two hundred 13 thousand inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal decennial 14 census or the most recent revised certified count by the United States 15 Bureau of the Census, there shall be seven members, except that in cities 16 having between ten thousand and forty thousand inhabitants as determined 17 by the most recent federal decennial census or the most recent revised 18 certified count by the United States Bureau of the Census, the city 19 council may by ordinance provide for seven members. The terms of office 20 of all such members shall commence on the first regular meeting of such 21 city council in December following their election. 22 Sec. 2. Section 32-538, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2019, is 23 amended to read: 24 32-538 (1) In a city which adopts the city manager plan of 25 government pursuant to the City Manager Plan of Government Act, the 26 number of city council members shall be nominated at the statewide 27 primary election and elected at the statewide general election. 1 determined by the class and population of the city. In cities having one 2 thousand or more but not more than forty thousand inhabitants as 3 determined by the most recent federal decennial census or the most recent 4 revised certified count by the United States Bureau of the Census, there 5 shall be five members, and in cities having more than forty thousand but 6 less than two hundred thousand inhabitants as determined by the most 7 recent federal decennial census or the most recent revised certified 8 count by the United States Bureau of the Census, there shall be seven 9 members, except that in cities having between twenty-five thousand and 10 forty thousand inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal 11 decennial census or the most recent revised certified count by the United 12 States Bureau of the Census, the city council may by ordinance provide 13 for seven members. Council 14 (2) City council members shall be elected from the city at large 15 unless the city council by ordinance provides for the election of all or 16 some of the city its council members by wards, the number and boundaries 17 of which are provided for in section 16-104. City council Council members 18 shall serve for terms of four years or until their successors are elected 19 and qualified. The city council members shall meet the qualifications 20 found in sections 19-613 and 19-613.01. 21 (3) The first election under an ordinance changing the number of 22 city council members or their manner of election shall take place at the 23 next statewide primary and general elections regular city election. City 24 council Council members whose terms of office expire after the election 25 shall continue in office until the expiration of the terms for which they 26 were elected and until their successors are elected and qualified. At the 27 first election under an ordinance changing the number of <u>city</u> council 28 members or their manner of election, one-half or the bare majority of 29 city council members elected at large, as the case may be, who receive 30 the highest number of votes shall serve for four years and the other or 31 others, if needed, for two years. At such first election, one-half or the 1 bare majority of city council members, as the case may be, who are 2 elected by wards shall serve for four years and the other or others, if 3 needed, for two years, as provided in the ordinance. If only one city 4 council member is to be elected at large at such first election, such 5 member shall serve for four years. 6 (2) Commencing with the statewide primary election in 1976, and 7 every two years thereafter, those candidates whose terms will be expiring

8 shall be nominated at the statewide primary election and elected at the

9 statewide general election.

10 Sec. 3. Original sections 19-612 and 32-538, Revised Statutes 11 Supplement, 2019, are repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1178. Placed on General File with amendment.

1 1. On page 4, line 30, strike "purposes" and insert "purpose"; and

2 in line 31 after "entity" insert ", except that a land bank may enter
3 into such an agreement for the purpose of providing clear title to such
4 real property, but in no case shall such agreement exceed a term of one

(Signed) Justin Wayne, Chairperson

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Urban Affairs - LB866 and LB1003 Lowe - LB783 Agriculture - LB1152 Lathrop - LB912 Education - LB1131

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Education

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1131. Placed on General File with amendment. AM2456 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Mike Groene, Chairperson

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

February 20, 2020

Mr. President, Speaker Scheer and Members of the Legislature State Capitol Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Scheer and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as the Director of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services -Division of Children and Family Services:

Stephanie Beasley, MSW, DHHS - Division of Children and Family Services, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your

consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Pete Ricketts
Governor

Enclosures

REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the Nebraska Legislature's website.

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of February 20, 2020, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Patrick J. O'Donnell Clerk of the Legislature

Beck, Craig
OpenSky Policy Institute
D'Angelo, Nicholas
Eaton Corporation
Linehan, Katie
American Federation for Children
Pappas, James E.
Independent Cattlemen of Nebraska (ICON)
Radcliffe, Walter H. of Radcliffe Gilbertson & Brady
ACLU Nebraska
American Institute of Architects, Nebraska Chapter
Townsend, Julie
Advance America

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1054. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 944. ER168, found on page 593, was adopted.

Senator Bostelman offered his amendment, AM2414, found on page 629.

The Bostelman amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Friesen offered his amendment, AM2396, found on page 669.

Pending.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 924. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 770. ER170, found on page 622, was adopted.

Senator Gragert offered his amendment, AM2443, found on page 679.

The Gragert amendment was adopted with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Pansing Brooks offered the following motion: MO158

Recommit to the Natural Resources Committee.

Senator Pansing Brooks withdrew her motion to recommit to committee.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Natural Resources

LEGISLATIVE BILL 899. Placed on General File with amendment. AM2487

- 1 1. On page 3, line 22, after "sell" insert "at wholesale advanced";
- 2 and in line 23 strike "which help reduce" and insert "and fuel byproducts
- 3 so long as the development, manufacture, use, purchase, or sale of such
- 4 biofuels and biofuel byproducts and other fuels and fuel byproducts is
- 5 done to help offset".

(Signed) Dan Hughes, Chairperson

Transportation and Telecommunications

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1088. Placed on General File with amendment. <u>AM2448</u> is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Curt Friesen, Chairperson

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LEGISLATIVE BILL 767. Placed on General File with amendment. AM2412 is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 954. Placed on General File with amendment.

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. (1) For the purposes of this section:
- 4 (a) Contracting entity means a person or entity that enters into

- 5 direct contracts with providers for the delivery of dental services in
- 6 the ordinary course of business, including a dental carrier or third-
- party administrator;
- 8 (b) Dental carrier means a dental insurance company, a prepaid
- 9 limited health service organization, or any other entity authorized to
- 10 offer an insurance plan that provides dental services;
- 11 (c) Dental services means services for the diagnosis, prevention,
- 12 treatment, or cure of a dental condition, illness, injury, or disease.
- 13 Dental services does not include services delivered by a provider that
- 14 are billed as medical services under a health insurance plan;
- 15 (d) Provider means an individual or entity that provides dental
- 16 services or supplies, as defined by the health benefits plan or dental
- 17 benefits plan, including a dentist or physician, but not a physician
- 18 organization that leases or rents its network to a third party;
- 19 (e) Provider network contract means a contract between a contracting
- 20 entity and a provider that specifies the rights and responsibilities of
- 21 the contracting entity and provides for the delivery and payment of
- 22 dental services to an enrollee; and
- 23 (f) Third party means a person or entity that enters into a contract
- 24 with a contracting entity or with another third party to gain access to
- 25 the dental services or contractual discounts of a provider network
- 26 contract. Third party does not include an employer or other group for
- 27 whom the dental carrier or contracting entity provides administrative 1 services.
- 2 (2) A dental insurance plan, contract, or provider network contract
- 3 with a provider shall not include any restrictions on methods of claim
- 4 payment for dental services in which the only acceptable payment method
- 5 is a credit card payment.
- 6 (3) A dental carrier may grant a third party access to a provider
- 7 network contract, or a provider's dental services or contractual
- 8 discounts provided pursuant to a provider network contract if, at the
- 9 time the provider network contract is entered into or renewed, the dental 10 carrier allows a provider who is part of a dental carrier's provider
- 11 network to choose not to participate in third-party access to the
- 12 provider network contract. The third-party access provision of the
- 13 provider network contract shall be clearly identified. A dental carrier
- 14 shall not grant a third party access to the provider network contract of
- 15 any provider who does not participate in third-party access to the
- 16 provider network contract.
- 17 (4) A contracting entity may grant a third party access to a
- 18 provider network contract, or a provider's dental services or contractual
- 19 discounts provided pursuant to a provider network contract, if the
- 20 following requirements are met:
- 21 (a) The contracting entity identifies all third parties in existence
- 22 in a list on its Internet web site that is updated at least once every
- 23 ninety days;
- 24 (b) The provider network contract specifically states that the
- 25 contracting entity may enter into an agreement with a third party that
- 26 would allow the third party to obtain the contracting entity's rights and
- 27 responsibilities as if the third party were the contracting entity, and 28 when the contracting entity is a dental carrier, the provider chose to
- 29 participate in third-party access at the time the provider network
- 30 contract was entered into; and
- 31 (c) The third party accessing the provider network contract agrees
- 1 to comply with all applicable terms of the provider network contract.
- 2 (5) A provider is not bound by and is not required to perform dental
- 3 treatment or services under a provider network contract granted to a
- 4 third party in violation of this section.
- 5 (6) Subsections (3), (4), and (5) of this section shall not apply if
- 6 any of the following is true:

- 7 (a) The provider network contract is for dental services provided to
- 8 a beneficiary of the federal medicare program pursuant to Title XVIII of
- 9 the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq., or the federal
- 10 medicaid program pursuant to Title XIX of the federal Social Security
- 11 Act, 42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq., as such sections existed on January 1, 2020;
- 13 (b) Access to a provider network contract is granted to a dental
- 14 carrier or an entity operating in accordance with the same brand licensee
- 15 program as the contracting entity or to an entity that is an affiliate of
- 16 the contracting entity. A list of the contracting entity's affiliates
- 17 shall be made available to a provider on the contracting entity's web
- 18 site.
- 19 (7) This section shall take effect on January 1, 2021, and shall
- 20 apply to all provider network contracts that are delivered, issued for
- 21 delivery, or executed in this state on or after the effective date of
- 22 this act.
- 23 Sec. 2. The Revisor of Statutes shall assign section 1 of this act
- 24 to Chapter 44, article 7.

(Signed) Matt Williams, Chairperson

Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 187. Placed on General File. LEGISLATIVE BILL 865. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 805. Placed on General File with amendment.

11. On page 9, line 19, strike "twenty" and insert "ten".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1033. Placed on General File with amendment.

- 1 1. On page 3, line 24, strike "under the authority and 2 administration of" and insert "at any public-use airport licensed by".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1042. Placed on General File with amendment.

- 1 1. Strike original section 3.
- 2 2. On page 16, line 31, strike ", 85-1802,".
- 3 3. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

(Signed) Lou Ann Linehan, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 840. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM2512

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 71-5716, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 4 amended to read:
- 5 71-5716 Sections 71-5716 to 71-5735 and sections 4 and 5 of this act
- 6 shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act.
- 7 Sec. 2. Section 71-5717, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 8 amended to read:

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- 9 71-5717 The purpose of the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act is to
- 10 protect the public health and welfare by prohibiting smoking in public
- 11 places and places of employment with limited exceptions for guestrooms
- 12 and suites, research, tobacco retail outlets, electronic smoking device
- 13 retail outlets, and cigar shops. The limited exceptions permit smoking in
- 14 public places where the public would reasonably expect to find persons
- 15 smoking, including guestrooms and suites which are subject to
- 16 expectations of privacy like private residences, institutions engaged in
- 17 research related to smoking, and tobacco retail outlets, electronic
- 18 smoking device retail outlets, and cigar shops which provide the public
- 19 legal retail outlets to sample, use, and purchase tobacco products and
- 20 products related to smoking. The act shall not be construed to prohibit
- 21 or otherwise restrict smoking in outdoor areas. The act shall not be
- 22 construed to permit smoking where it is prohibited or otherwise 23 restricted by other applicable law, ordinance, or resolution. The act
- 24 shall be liberally construed to further its purpose.
- 25 Sec. 3. Section 71-5718, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 26 amended to read:
- 27 71-5718 For purposes of the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act, the
- 1 definitions found in sections 71-5719 to 71-5728 and sections 4 and 5 of 2 this act apply.
- 3 Sec. 4. Electronic smoking device means any product containing or
- 4 delivering nicotine or any other substance intended for human consumption
- 5 that can be used by a person in any manner for the purpose of inhaling
- 6 vapor or aerosol from the product. The term includes any such device
- 7 regardless of whether it is manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold
- 8 as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, e-hookah, or vape pen or under any
- 9 other product name or descriptor.
- 10 Sec. 5. Electronic smoking device retail outlet means a store that
- 11 is licensed as provided under sections 28-1421 and 28-1422, that sells
- 12 only electronic smoking devices and products directly related to
- 13 electronic smoking devices, and that does not allow a person under the
- 14 age of twenty-one years to enter such store. Products directly related to
- 15 electronic smoking devices do not include alcohol, coffee, soft drinks,
- 16 candy, groceries, or gasoline.
- 17 Sec. 6. Section 71-5727, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 18 amended to read:
- 19 71-5727 Smoke or smoking means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or
- 20 carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, hookah, or any
- 21 other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation,
- 22 whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form. The term 23 includes the use of an electronic smoking device which creates an aerosol
- 24 or vapor, in any manner or in any form the lighting of any cigarette,
- 25 cigar, pipe, or other smoking material or the possession of any lighted
- 26 cigarette, cigar, pipe, or other smoking material, regardless of its
- 27 composition.
- 28 Sec. 7. Section 71-5730, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 29 amended to read:
- 30 71-5730 (1) The following indoor areas are exempt from section
- 1 (a) Guestrooms and suites that are rented to guests and that are
- 2 designated as smoking rooms, except that not more than twenty percent of
- 3 rooms rented to guests in an establishment may be designated as smoking
- 4 rooms. All smoking rooms on the same floor shall be contiguous, and smoke
- 5 from such rooms shall not infiltrate into areas where smoking is
- 6 prohibited under the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act;
- 7 (b) Indoor areas used in connection with a research study on the
- 8 health effects of smoking conducted in a scientific or analytical
- 9 laboratory under state or federal law or at a college or university
- 10 approved by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education;

- 11 (c) Tobacco retail outlets: and
- 12 (d) Cigar shops as defined in section 53-103.08.
- 13 (2) Electronic smoking device retail outlets are exempt from section
- 14 71-5729 as it relates to the use of electronic smoking devices only.
- 15 (3)(a) (2)(a) The Legislature finds that allowing smoking in tobacco
- 16 retail outlets as a limited exception to the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air
- 17 Act does not interfere with the original intent that the general public
- 18 and employees not be unwillingly subjected to second-hand smoke since the
- 19 general public does not frequent tobacco retail outlets and should
- 20 reasonably expect that there would be second-hand smoke in tobacco retail
- 21 outlets and could choose to avoid such exposure. The products that
- 22 tobacco retail outlets sell are legal for customers who meet the age
- 23 requirement. Customers should be able to try them within the tobacco
- 24 retail outlet, especially given the way that tobacco customization may
- 25 occur in how tobacco is blended and cigars are produced. The Legislature
- 26 finds that exposure to second-hand smoke is inherent in the selling and
- 27 sampling of cigars and pipe tobacco and that this exposure is
- 28 inextricably connected to the nature of selling this legal product,
- 29 similar to other inherent hazards in other professions and employment.
- 30 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to allow cigar and pipe
- 31 smoking in tobacco retail outlets that meet specific statutory criteria
- 1 not inconsistent with the fundamental nature of the business. This
- 2 exception to the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act is narrowly tailored in
- 3 accordance with the intent of the act to protect public places and places
- 4 of employment.
- 5 (4)(a) (3)(a) The Legislature finds that allowing smoking in cigar
- 6 shops as a limited exception to the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act does 7 not interfere with the original intent that the general public and
- 8 employees not be unwillingly subjected to second-hand smoke. This
- 9 exception poses a de minimis restriction on the public and employees
- 10 given the limited number of cigar shops compared to other businesses that
- 11 sell alcohol, cigars, and pipe tobacco, and any member of the public
- 12 should reasonably expect that there would be second-hand smoke in a cigar
- 13 shop given the nature of the business and could choose to avoid such
- 15 (b) The Legislature finds that (i) cigars and pipe tobacco have
- 16 different characteristics than other forms of tobacco such as cigarettes,
- 17 (ii) cigars are customarily paired with various spirits such as cognac,
- 18 single malt whiskey, bourbon, rum, rye, port, and others, and (iii)
- 19 unlike cigarette smokers, cigar and pipe smokers may take an hour or
- 20 longer to enjoy a cigar or pipe while cigarettes simply serve as a
- 21 mechanism for delivering nicotine. Cigars paired with selected liquor
- 22 creates a synergy unique to the particular pairing similar to wine paired
- 23 with particular foods. Cigars are a pure, natural product wrapped in a
- 24 tobacco leaf that is typically not inhaled in order to enjoy the taste of 25 the smoke, unlike cigarettes that tend to be processed with additives and
- 26 wrapped in paper and are inhaled. Cigars have a different taste and smell
- 27 than cigarettes due to the fermentation process cigars go through during
- 28 production. Cigars tend to cost considerably more than cigarettes, and
- 29 their quality and characteristics vary depending on the type of tobacco
- 30 plant, the geography and climate where the tobacco was grown, and the 31 overall quality of the manufacturing process. Not only does the
- 1 customized blending of the tobacco influence the smoking experience, so
- 2 does the freshness of the cigars, which is dependent on how the cigars
- 3 were stored and displayed. These variables are similar to fine wines,
- 4 which can also be very expensive to purchase. It is all of these
- 5 variables that warrant a customer wanting to sample the product before
- 6 making such a substantial purchase.
- 7 (c) The Legislature finds that exposure to second-hand smoke is
- 8 inherent in the selling and sampling of cigars and pipe tobacco and that

- 9 this exposure is inextricably connected to the nature of selling this
- 10 legal product, similar to other inherent hazards in other professions and
- 11 employmen
- 12 (d) It is the intent of the Legislature to allow cigar and pipe
- 13 smoking in cigar shops that meet specific statutory criteria not
- 14 inconsistent with the fundamental nature of the business. This exception
- 15 to the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act is narrowly tailored in accordance
- 16 with the intent of the act to protect public places and places of
- 17 employment.
- 18 Sec. 8. Section 71-5735, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 19 amended to read:
- 20 71-5735 (1) The owner of a tobacco retail outlet shall post a sign
- 21 on all entrances to the tobacco retail outlet, on the outside of each
- 22 door, in a conspicuous location slightly above or next to the door, with
- 23 the following statement: SMOKING OF CIGARS AND PIPES IS ALLOWED INSIDE
- 24 THIS BUSINESS. SMOKING OF CIGARETTES AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES IS
- 25 NOT ALLOWED.
- 26 (2) Beginning November 1, 2015, the owner shall provide to the
- 27 Division of Public Health a copy of a waiver signed prior to employment
- 28 by each employee on a form prescribed by the division. The waiver shall
- 29 expressly notify the employee that he or she will be exposed to second-
- 30 hand smoke, and the employee shall acknowledge that he or she understands
- 31 the risks of exposure to second-hand smoke.
- 1 (3) The owner shall not allow cigarette smoking or the use of an
- 2 electronic smoking device in the tobacco retail outlet.
- 3 Sec. 9. Original sections 71-5716, 71-5717, 71-5718, 71-5727,
- 471-5730, and 71-5735, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

(Signed) Sara Howard, Chairperson

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Health and Human Services

The Health and Human Services Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment(s) listed below. The Committee suggests the appointment(s) be confirmed by the Legislature and suggests a record vote.

Mark M. Bulger - Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired Brent Heyen - Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired Kimberly Scherbarth - Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Aye: 7. Arch, Cavanaugh, Hansen, B., Howard, Murman, Walz, Williams. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Sara Howard, Chairperson

Transportation and Telecommunications

The Transportation and Telecommunications Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment(s) listed below. The Committee suggests the appointment(s) be confirmed by the Legislature and suggests a record vote.

Stephan Budke - Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board Dennis Cloninger - Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board Brad Jacobs - Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board Clint Jones - Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board Joseph Kosiski - Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board Thomas R. McCaslin - Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board Matthew O'Daniel - Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board Curt Prohaska - Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board Dennis R. Schworer - Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board

Aye: 7. Albrecht, Bostelman, Cavanaugh, DeBoer, Friesen, Hilgers, Hughes. Nay: 0. Absent: 1. Geist. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Curt Friesen, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Williams filed the following amendment to <u>LB909</u>: AM2544

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2312)

- 1 1. On page 98, line 10, after "(5)" insert "A licensee may offer a
- 2 delayed deposit services business only at an office designated as its
- 3 principal place of business and any branch office established pursuant to
- 4 this section.
- 5 <u>(6)</u>".

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Business and Labor - LB1160 Revenue - LB1074 La Grone - LB1042 Quick - LB840 Bolz - LB43 Agriculture - LB791 Hilkemann - LB1148 State-Tribal Relations - LB848 Cavanaugh - LB1060 Briese - LB930 McCollister - LB283 McDonnell - LB963 Friesen - LB461 Hilgers - LB1183

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1061. Title read. Considered.

SENATOR SLAMA PRESIDING

Committee AM2417, found on page 639, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, and 6 present and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1014. Title read. Considered.

Senator Lindstrom offered his amendment, AM2449, found on page 681.

The Lindstrom amendment was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1016. Placed on Select File with amendment.

- 1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "and" in line 1 through line 5 2 and insert ", 48-1231, 48-2107, and 48-2907, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 3 Supplement, 2018, and sections 48-622.03 and 48-1234, Revised Statutes
- 4 Supplement, 2019; to change reporting requirements for the Department of
- 5 Labor; to prohibit retaliation or discrimination by employers as
- 6 prescribed; to provide and change requirements for claims under the
- 7 Nebraska Wage Payment and Collection Act; to provide restrictions on 8 employers with unpaid citations under the act; to require public posting
- 9 of certain information related to compliance with the act; to change fee
- 10 provisions under the Contractor Registration Act; to change enforcement
- 11 provisions under the Employee Classification Act; to eliminate provisions
- 12 related to service letters, high voltage lines, and private employment
- 13 agencies; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal
- 14 the original sections; to outright repeal sections 48-209, 48-210,
- 15 48-211, 48-440, 48-501.01, 48-503, 48-504, 48-505, 48-506, 48-507,
- 16 48-508, 48-510, 48-511, 48-512, 48-513, 48-514, 48-515, 48-516, 48-517,
- 17 48-518, 48-519, 48-520, 48-521, 48-523, and 48-524, Reissue Revised
- 18 Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 997. Placed on Select File with amendment.

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- 1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
- 2 insert the following new sections:
- 3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 17 of this act shall be known and may be

- TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY FEBRUARY 21, 2020 4 cited as the Out-of-Network Emergency Medical Care Act. 5 Sec. 2. For purposes of the Out-of-Network Emergency Medical Care 6 Act, the definitions found in sections 3 to 13 of this act apply. 7 Sec. 3. Covered person means a person on whose behalf an insurer is 8 obligated to pay health care expense benefits or provide health care 9 services. 10 Sec. 4. Emergency medical condition means a medical or behavioral 11 condition, the onset of which is sudden, that manifests itself by 12 symptoms of sufficient severity, including, but not limited to, severe 13 pain, that a prudent layperson, possessing an average knowledge of 14 medicine and health, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate 15 medical attention to result in (1) placing the health of the person 16 afflicted with such condition in serious jeopardy or, in the case of a 17 behavioral condition, placing the health of such persons or others in 18 serious jeopardy, (2) serious impairment to such person's bodily 19 functions, (3) serious impairment of any bodily organ or part of such 20 person, or (4) serious disfigurement of such person. 21 Sec. 5. Emergency services means health care services medically 22 necessary to screen and stabilize a covered person in connection with an 23 emergency medical condition. 24 Sec. 6. (1) Health benefits plan means a benefits plan which pays 25 or provides hospital and medical expense benefits for covered services 26 and is delivered or issued for delivery in this state by or through an 27 insurer (2) Health benefits plan does not include the medical assistance 2 program, medicare, medicare advantage, accident-only, credit, disability, or long-term care coverage, TRICARE supplement coverage, coverage arising 4 out of a workers' compensation or similar law, automobile medical payment 5 insurance, personal injury protection insurance, and hospital confinement 6 indemnity coverage. 7 Sec. 7. Health care facility means a general acute hospital, 8 satellite emergency department, or ambulatory surgical center licensed 9 pursuant to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act.
- 10 Sec. 8. Health care professional means an individual who is 11 credentialed pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act, who is acting 12 within the scope of his or her credential, and who provides a covered 13 service defined by the health benefits plan. 14 Sec. 9. Health care provider means a health care professional or 15 health care facility. 16 Sec. 10. Insurer means an entity that contracts to provide, 17 deliver, arrange for, pay for, or reimburse any of the costs of health
- 18 care services under a health benefits plan, including (1) any individual 19 or group sickness and accident insurance policy or subscriber contract 20 delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state and any 21 hospital, medical, or surgical expense-incurred policy, except for a 22 policy that provides coverage for a specified disease or other limited-23 benefit coverage, and (2) any self-funded employee benefit plan to the 24 extent not preempted by federal law. 25 Sec. 11. Medical assistance program means the medical assistance
- 26 program established pursuant to the Medical Assistance Act. 27 Sec. 12. Medically necessary means a health care service that a 28 health care provider, exercising his or her prudent clinical judgment, 29 would provide to a covered person for the purpose of evaluating, 30 diagnosing, or treating an illness, an injury, or a disease, or its 31 symptoms, and that is in accordance with the generally accepted standards 1 of medical practice; that is clinically appropriate, in terms of type,
- 2 frequency, extent, site, and duration, and considered effective for the 3 covered person's illness, injury, or disease; that is not primarily for 4 the convenience of the covered person or the health care provider; and
- 5 that is not more costly than an alternative service or sequence of

6 services at least as likely to produce equivalent therapeutic or 7 diagnostic results as to the diagnosis or treatment of that covered 8 person's illness, injury, or disease. 9 Sec. 13. TRICARE means a health care program of the United States 10 Department of Defense Military Health System. 11 Sec. 14. If a covered person receives emergency services at any 12 health care facility, the facility shall not bill the covered person in 13 excess of any deductible, copayment, or coinsurance amount applicable to 14 in-network services pursuant to the covered person's health benefits 15 plan. 16 Sec. 15. If a covered person receives emergency services at an in-17 network or out-of-network health care facility, the health care provider 18 performing those services shall not bill the covered person in excess of 19 any deductible, copayment, or coinsurance amount applicable to in-network 20 services pursuant to the covered person's health benefits plan. 21 Sec. 16. (1) If a covered person receives emergency services at an 22 in-network or out-of-network health care facility, the insurer shall 23 ensure that the covered person incurs no greater out-of-pocket costs than 24 the covered person would have incurred with an in-network health care 25 provider for covered services. 26 (2) With respect to emergency services at an in-network or out-of-27 network health care facility, if the out-of-network health care provider 28 bills an insurer directly, any reimbursement paid by the insurer shall be 29 paid directly to the out-of-network health care provider. The insurer 30 shall provide the out-of-network health care provider with a written 31 remittance of payment that specifies the proposed reimbursement and the 1 applicable deductible, copayment, or coinsurance amounts owed by the 2 covered person. 3 (3) If emergency services provided at an in-network or out-of-4 network health care facility are performed, the out-of-network health 5 care provider may bill the insurer for the services rendered. The insurer 6 may pay the billed amount. A claim or a payment shall be presumed 7 reasonable if it is based on the higher of (a) the contracted rate under 8 any then-existing in-network contractual relationship between the insurer 9 and the out-of-network health care provider for the same or similar 10 services or (b) one hundred seventy-five percent of the payment rate for 11 medicare services received from the federal Centers for Medicare and 12 Medicaid Services for the same or similar services in the same geographic 13 area. If the out-of-network health care provider deems the payment made 14 by the insurer unreasonable, the out-of-network health care provider 15 shall return payment to the insurer and utilize the dispute resolution 16 procedure under section 17 of this act. 17 Sec. 17. (1) If an insurer or an out-of-network health care 18 provider provides notification that it considers a claim or payment to be 19 not reasonable, the insurer and the health care provider shall have 20 thirty days after the date of such notification to negotiate a 21 settlement. If a settlement has not been reached after such thirty-day 22 period, the insurer and the health care provider shall engage in 23 mediation in accordance with the Uniform Mediation Act. The insurer may 24 attempt to negotiate a final reimbursement amount with the out-of-network 25 health care provider which differs from the amount paid by the insurer 26 pursuant to this section. 27 (2) Following completion of the mediation process, the cost of 28 mediation shall be split evenly and paid by the insurer and the health 29 care provider. 30 (3) Mediation shall not be used when the insurer and the health care 31 provider agree to a separate payment arrangement.

1 Sec. 18. This act becomes operative on January 1, 2021.

(Signed) Julie Slama, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Wayne filed the following amendment to LB424: AM2568

(Amendments to AM2122)

- 1 1. On page 11, line 30, strike "To", show as stricken, and insert
- 2 "Except as provided in subsection (8) of section 8 of this act, to".
- 3 2. On page 13, after line 22 insert the following new subsection:
- 4 "(8) Beginning on the effective date of this act, a land bank shall
- 5 not enter into an agreement with any nonprofit corporation or other
- 6 private entity for the purpose of temporarily holding real property for
- such nonprofit corporation or private entity, except that a land bank may
- 8 enter into such an agreement for the purpose of providing clear title to
- 9 such real property, but in no case shall such agreement exceed a term of
- 10 one year.".
- 11 3. On page 19, lines 4, 13, and 16, after "taxes" insert "or special
- 12 assessments".

Senator M. Hansen filed the following amendment to LB962: AM2580

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 9 of this act shall be known and may be
- 4 cited as the Nebraska Fair Pay to Play Act.
- 5 Sec. 2. For purposes of the Nebraska Fair Pay to Play Act:
- 6 (1) Athletic grant-in-aid means the money given to a student-athlete
- 7 by a postsecondary institution for tuition, fees, room, board, and
- 8 textbooks as consideration for the student-athlete's participation in an
- 9 intercollegiate sport for such postsecondary institution and does not
- 10 include compensation for the use of the student-athlete's name, image, or
- 11 likeness rights or athletic reputation;
- 12 (2) Collegiate athletic association means any athletic association,
- 13 conference, or other group or organization with authority over
- 14 intercollegiate sports;
- 15 (3) Compensation for the use of a student-athlete's name, image, or
- 16 likeness rights or athletic reputation includes, but is not limited to,
- 17 consideration received pursuant to an endorsement contract as defined in
- 18 section 48-2602;
- 19 (4) Intercollegiate sport has the same meaning as in section
- 20 48-2602;
- 21 (5) Postsecondary institution has the same meaning as in section
- 22 85-2403;
- 23 (6) Professional representation includes, but is not limited to,
- 24 representation provided by an athlete agent holding a certificate of
- 25 registration under the Nebraska Uniform Athlete Agents Act, a financial
- 26 advisor registered under the Securities Act of Nebraska, or an attorney
- 27 admitted to the bar by order of the Supreme Court of this state;
- 1 (7) Sponsor means an individual or organization that pays money or
- 2 provides goods or services in exchange for advertising rights;
- 3 (8) Student-athlete has the same meaning as in section 48-2602; and
- 4 (9) Team contract means a contract between a postsecondary
- 5 institution or a postsecondary institution's athletic department and a
- 6 sponsor.
- 7 Sec. 3. (1) No postsecondary institution shall uphold any rule,
- 8 requirement, standard, or limitation that prevents a student-athlete from
- 9 fully participating in an intercollegiate sport for such postsecondary
- 10 institution because such student-athlete earns compensation for the use

- 11 of such student-athlete's name, image, or likeness rights or athletic
- 12 reputation.
- 13 (2) No collegiate athletic association shall penalize a student-
- 14 athlete or prevent a student-athlete from fully participating in an
- 15 intercollegiate sport because such student-athlete earns compensation for 16 the use of such student-athlete's name, image, or likeness rights or
- 17 athletic reputation.
- 18 (3) No collegiate athletic association shall penalize a
- 19 postsecondary institution or prevent a postsecondary institution from
- 20 fully participating in an intercollegiate sport because a student-athlete
- 21 participating in an intercollegiate sport for such postsecondary
- 22 institution earns compensation for the use of such student-athlete's
- 23 name, image, or likeness rights or athletic reputation.
- 24 (4) No postsecondary institution shall allow compensation earned by
- 25 a student-athlete for the use of such student-athlete's name, image, or
- 26 likeness rights or athletic reputation to affect the duration, amount, or
- 27 eligibility for or renewal of any athletic grant-in-aid or other
- 28 institutional scholarship, except that compensation earned by a student-
- 29 athlete for the use of such student-athlete's name, image, or likeness
- 30 rights or athletic reputation may be used for the calculation of income
- 31 for determining eligibility for a need-based scholarship.
- 1 Sec. 4. Any student-athlete who enters into a contract that
- 2 provides compensation for the use of such student-athlete's name, image,
- 3 or likeness rights or athletic reputation shall disclose such contract to
- 4 an official of the postsecondary institution for which such student-
- 5 athlete participates in an intercollegiate sport. The official to which
- 6 such contract shall be disclosed shall be designated by each
- postsecondary institution, and the designation shall be communicated in
- 8 writing to each student-athlete participating in an intercollegiate sport
- 9 for such postsecondary institution. Unless otherwise required by law,
- 10 each postsecondary institution shall be prohibited from disclosing any
- 11 terms of such contract that the student-athlete or the student-athlete's
- 12 professional representation deems to be a trade secret or otherwise
- 13 nondisclosable.
- 14 Sec. 5. (1) No student-athlete shall enter into a contract with a
- 15 sponsor that provides compensation to the student-athlete for use of the
- 16 student-athlete's name, image, and likeness rights or athletic reputation
- 17 if (a) such contract requires such student-athlete to display such
- 18 sponsor's apparel or to otherwise advertise for the sponsor during
- 19 official team activities and (b) compliance with such contract
- 20 requirement would conflict with a team contract. Any postsecondary
- 21 institution asserting such conflict shall disclose to the student-athlete
- 22 and the student-athlete's professional representation, if applicable, the
- 23 full team contract that is asserted to be in conflict. The student-
- 24 athlete and the student-athlete's professional representation, if
- 25 applicable, shall be prohibited from disclosing any terms of a team
- 26 contract that the postsecondary institution deems to be a trade secret or
- 27 otherwise nondisclosable.
- 28 (2) No team contract shall prevent a student-athlete from receiving
- 29 compensation for the use of such student-athlete's name, image, and
- 30 likeness rights or athletic reputation when the student-athlete is not
- 31 engaged in official team activities.
- 1 Sec. 6. (1) No postsecondary institution or collegiate athletic
- 2 association shall penalize a student-athlete or prevent a student-athlete
- 3 from fully participating in an intercollegiate sport because such
- 4 student-athlete obtains professional representation in relation to a
- 5 contract or legal matter.
- 6 (2) No collegiate athletic association shall penalize a
- 7 postsecondary institution or prevent a postsecondary institution from
- 8 fully participating in an intercollegiate sport because a student-athlete

- 9 participating in an intercollegiate sport for such postsecondary
- 10 institution obtains professional representation in relation to a contract
- 11 or legal matter.
- 12 Sec. 7. (1) The Nebraska Fair Pay to Play Act shall not be applied
- 13 in a manner that violates any contract in effect prior to the date
- 14 determined by a postsecondary institution pursuant to section 9 of this
- 15 act with regard to such postsecondary institution or any student-athlete
- 16 who participates in an intercollegiate sport for such postsecondary
- 17 institution for as long as such contract remains in effect without
- 18 modification.
- 19 (2) On and after the date determined by a postsecondary institution
- 20 pursuant to section 9 of this act, such postsecondary institution shall
- 21 not enter into, modify, or renew any contract in a manner that conflicts
- 22 with the Nebraska Fair Pay to Play Act.
- 23 Sec. 8. (1) A student-athlete or a postsecondary institution
- 24 aggrieved by a violation of the Nebraska Fair Pay to Play Act may bring a
- 25 civil action against the postsecondary institution or collegiate athletic
- 26 association committing such violation.
- 27 (2) A plaintiff who prevails in an action under the Nebraska Fair
- 28 Pay to Play Act shall be entitled to:
- 29 (a) Actual damages;
- 30 (b) Such preliminary and other equitable or declaratory relief as
- 31 may be appropriate; and 1 (c) Reasonable attorney's fees and other litigation costs reasonably
- 2 incurred.
- 3 (3) A public postsecondary institution may be sued upon claims
- 4 arising under the Nebraska Fair Pay to Play Act only to the extent
- 5 allowed under the State Tort Claims Act, the State Contract Claims Act,
- 6 or the State Miscellaneous Claims Act.
- 7 Sec. 9. Each postsecondary institution shall determine a date on or
- 8 before July 1, 2023, upon which the Nebraska Fair Pay to Play Act shall
- 9 begin to apply to such postsecondary institution and the student-athletes
- 10 who participate in an intercollegiate sport for such postsecondary
- 11 institution and to any collegiate athletic association or professional
- 12 representation in interactions with such postsecondary institution or
- 13 student-athlete.
- 14 Sec. 10. Section 48-2610, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 15 amended to read:
- 16 48-2610 (1) An agency contract must be in a record, signed or
- 17 otherwise authenticated by the parties.
- 18 (2) An agency contract must state or contain:
- 19 (a) The amount and method of calculating the consideration to be
- 20 paid by the student-athlete for services to be provided by the athlete
- 21 agent under the contract and any other consideration the athlete agent
- 22 has received or will receive from any other source for entering into the
- 23 contract or for providing the services:
- 24 (b) The name of any person not listed in the application for
- 25 registration or renewal of registration who will be compensated because
- 26 the student-athlete signed the agency contract;
- 27 (c) A description of any expenses that the student-athlete agrees to
- 28 reimburse:
- 29 (d) A description of the services to be provided to the student-
- 30 athlete;
- 31 (e) The duration of the contract; and
- 1 (f) The date of execution.
- 2 (3) An agency contract must contain, in close proximity to the
- 3 signature of the student-athlete, a conspicuous notice in boldface type
- 4 in capital letters stating:
- 5 WARNING TO STUDENT-ATHLETE
- 6 IF YOU SIGN THIS CONTRACT:

704 7 (1) IF YOU ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR, OR SIGN, A PROFESSIONAL-8 <u>SPORTS-SERVICES CONTRACT, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE AS A</u> 9 STUDENT-ATHLETE IN YOUR SPORT; 10 (2) IF YOU HAVE AN ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, WITHIN 72 HOURS AFTER ENTERING 11 INTO THIS CONTRACT, BOTH YOU AND YOUR ATHLETE AGENT MUST NOTIFY YOUR 12 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR; AND 13 (3) YOU MAY CANCEL THIS CONTRACT WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER SIGNING IT. 14 CANCELLATION OF THIS CONTRACT MAY NOT REINSTATE YOUR ELIGIBILITY. 15 (4) An agency contract that does not conform to this section is 16 voidable by the student-athlete. If a student-athlete voids an agency 17 contract, the student-athlete is not required to pay any consideration 18 under the contract or to return any consideration received from the 19 athlete agent to induce the student-athlete to enter into the contract. 20 (5) The athlete agent shall give a record of the signed or otherwise 21 authenticated agency contract to the student-athlete at the time of 22 execution. 23 Sec. 11. Section 48-2614, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 24 amended to read: 25 48-2614 (1) An athlete agent, with the intent to induce a student-26 athlete to enter into an agency contract, may not: 27 (a) Give any materially false or misleading information or make a 28 materially false promise or representation; 29 (b) Furnish anything of value to a student-athlete before the 30 student-athlete enters into the agency contract; or 31 (c) Furnish anything of value to any individual other than the

1 student-athlete or another registered athlete agent. 2 (2) An athlete agent may not intentionally:

3 (a) Initiate contact with a student-athlete unless registered under

4 the Nebraska Uniform Athlete Agents Act;

5 (b) Refuse or fail to retain or permit inspection of the records

6 required to be retained by section 48-2613;

7 (c) Fail to register when required by section 48-2604;

8 (d) Provide materially false or misleading information in an

9 application for registration or renewal of registration;

10 (e) Predate or postdate an agency contract; or

11 (f) Fail to notify a student-athlete before the student-athlete

12 signs or otherwise authenticates an agency contract for a particular

13 sport that entering into negotiations for, or signing, a professional-

14 sports-services contract the signing or authentication may make the

15 student-athlete ineligible to participate as a student-athlete in that 16 sport.

17 Sec. 12. If any section in this act or any part of any section is

18 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect

19 the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.

20 Sec. 13. Original sections 48-2610 and 48-2614, Reissue Revised

21 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

Senator Vargas filed the following amendment to LB283: AM2576

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2481)

1 1. On page 2, line 15, strike "Collection" and insert "Cash".

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Hughes - LB931 Natural Resources - LB632 Groene - LB1021 Wayne - LB1218 Legislature's Planning - LB1155 Judiciary - LB1004 and LB1062 Vargas - LB1089 B. Hansen - LB1203 Scheer - LB1106

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

Unanimous consent to add Senator(s) as cointroducer(s). No objections. So ordered.

Senator Gragert name added to LB752. Senator Wayne name added to LB770. Senator M. Hansen name added to LB866. Senator Wayne name added to LB876. Senator Wayne name added to LB984. Senator M. Hansen name added to LB997. Senator Wayne name added to LB1003. Senator Hilgers name added to LB1046.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Senator Groene announced the Education Committee will meet February 25, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. instead of 1:30 p.m. in Room 1525.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were a group from the Nebraska School Counselor Association, Senator McDonnell's niece, Josie McDonnell, and Megan McDougal, Tasha Osten, and Loni Watson; Morgan Wallace from Scottsbluff; and students and teacher from South High School, Omaha.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Marlon Weiss from Lincoln.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:49 a.m., on a motion by Senator Halloran, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Monday, February $24,\,2020$.

Patrick J. O'Donnell Clerk of the Legislature