

**Legislature - First Session - 2019**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB454**

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**Chairperson: Senator Matt Williams**

**Committee: Banking, Commerce and Insurance**

**Date of Hearing: February 11, 2019**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 454 amends Section 81-885.13 by striking the requirement that a person be a high school graduate or holder of a certificate of high school equivalency to be issued a license as a real estate salesperson or broker in Nebraska.

The Nebraska Real Estate Commission has interpreted this statute to deny licensing certain home school graduates unless they spend more time and money to get a GED. This bill seeks to remedy this arbitrary distinction and barrier into the real estate industry, making Nebraska a more job friendly state.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Robert Clements