

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB434

Hearing Date: Thursday March 06, 2025
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Wordekemper
One Liner: Change fees for fireworks display permits, fireworks sales licenses, fire alarm inspector certification, late submittal of remodel or construction plans, fire safety inspections, fire protection system contractor certificates, heating oil tank registration, and underground storage tank installation permits and registration

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 8 Senators Sanders, Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Guereca, Hunt, Lonowski, McKeon, Wordekemper
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:
Senator Dave Wordekemper
Doug Hohbein

Representing:
Opening Presenter
State Fire Marshal

Opponents:
Korby Gilbertson

Representing:
Nebraska Realtors Association, Nebraska State Home Builders Association, HomeBuilders Association of Lincoln/Metro Omaha Builders Association Coalition (HBAL/MOBA Coalition)

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill proposes changes to eight sections of statute relating to the fees charged by the State Fire Marshal.

Section 1 would change the fee for fireworks display permits from ten dollars to one hundred dollars.

Section 2 proposes changes to fees relating to fireworks industry licenses. The fee for distributors would go from five hundred to one thousand dollars. The fee for jobbers would go from two hundred to four hundred dollars. The fee for retailers would go from twenty-five to one hundred dollars.



Section 3 would change the examination fee for fire alarm test and inspection service providers from no more than one hundred dollars to no more than two hundred dollars.

Section 4 would change the late submittal penalty for plans relating to a fire code inspections of remodeling or construction projects from fifty dollars to “an amount equal to fifty percent of the total projected cost of such remodel or construction.”

Section 5 proposes changes to certain other State Fire Marshal fees. Fees for inspection for fire safety of any premises or facility would go from a range of twenty-five to one hundred fifty dollars to a range of fifty to three hundred dollars. This section also directs the State Fire Marshal to promulgate rules and regulations adjusting other fees charged by that agency, to be made effective on July 1, 2026. This section would also change the maximum fee for plan examination relating to accessibility standards from two hundred fifty dollars to five thousand dollars.

Section 6 would increase the fee for a water-based fire protection system contractor certificate from one hundred to two hundred dollars.

Section 7 would increase the heating oil tank registration fee from five dollars to ten dollars.

Section 8 would increase the fees for storage tank installation and annual registration. The installation fee would be increased from fifty dollars to seventy-five dollars. The annual registration fee would be increased from thirty dollars to sixty dollars.

Section 9 contains the repealer.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 750 revises language relating to a late submission fee and changes the effective date of proposed plan review fee changes.

Rita Sanders, Chairperson

