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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to flags; to amend sections 72-2205 and
- 2 79-708, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require state
- 3 agencies and political subdivisions to purchase flags made in the
- 4 United States as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal
- 5 the original sections.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** (1) For purposes of this section:

2 (a) Political subdivision means a city, village, county, school
3 district, public power district, natural resources district, and any
4 other unit of government below the state level, including any entity
5 created pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act or the Joint Public
6 Agency Act; and

7 (b) State agency means a department, commission, board, office,
8 council, authority, or other agency in any branch of state government
9 that is created by the Constitution of Nebraska or a statute of this
10 state.

11 (2) Beginning January 1, 2027, a state agency or political
12 subdivision of this state shall not use public funds to purchase a flag
13 of the United States or the State of Nebraska unless the flag has been
14 one hundred percent manufactured in the United States from articles,
15 materials, or supplies that have been grown or one hundred percent
16 produced or manufactured in the United States.

17 (3) This section shall not apply to the purchase of a hand-held flag
18 or a flag with dimensions of less than eight inches wide and six inches
19 high.

20 **Sec. 2.** Section 72-2205, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
21 amended to read:

22 72-2205 (1) The administrator shall have the authority to develop,
23 produce, and distribute books, brochures, pictures, slides, postcards,
24 and other informational or promotional material concerning the State
25 Capitol. The administrator shall have control over money received from
26 the distribution of such material and from private or public donations.
27 Such proceeds and donations shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for
28 credit to the Capitol Restoration Cash Fund.

29 (2) The administrator, after receiving advice from the commission,
30 is authorized to provide facilities for restaurants, cafeterias, or other
31 services and newsstands for convenience of state officers and employees

1 in the State Capitol when such space is not needed for public use.
2 Proceeds from the operations and rental of such facilities shall be
3 remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Capitol Restoration
4 Cash Fund.

5 (3) The administrator, after receiving advice from the commission,
6 is authorized to lease, rent, or permit for use as apartments, dwellings,
7 or offices any or all of the property acquired for future building needs
8 for the State Capitol and capitol grounds, except that all leases shall
9 contain the provision that upon notice that such property is needed for
10 public use, the use or occupancy thereof shall cease. All money received
11 as rent from such property shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for
12 credit to the Capitol Restoration Cash Fund and, with interest accrued,
13 be designated as prescribed in section 72-2211.

14 (4) The administrator shall see that all parts and apartments of the
15 State Capitol and capitol grounds are properly ventilated and kept clean
16 and orderly.

17 (5) The administrator shall acquire a flag of the United States of
18 America of suitable and convenient size. The colors of the flag shall be
19 fast colors, and the cloth shall be of substantial material. The
20 administrator shall display this flag and the Nebraska State Flag of
21 similar specifications prominently on State Capitol grounds. The
22 administrator shall comply with section 1 of this act when acquiring a
23 flag under this subsection.

24 (6) The administrator shall ensure that, at proper hours, all
25 visitors are properly escorted through the State Capitol and over the
26 capitol grounds, free of expense.

27 (7) The administrator shall at all times have charge of and
28 supervision over janitors and other employees in and about the State
29 Capitol and capitol grounds.

30 (8) The administrator shall institute, in the name of the state and
31 with the advice of the Attorney General, civil and criminal proceedings

1 against any person for injury or threatened injury to any public property
2 in the State Capitol or on the capitol grounds or for committing or
3 threatening to commit a nuisance therein or thereon.

4 (9) The administrator shall keep in his or her office a complete
5 record containing plans, specifications, and surveys of the State Capitol
6 and capitol grounds and of underground construction thereto.

7 **Sec. 3.** Section 79-708, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
8 amended to read:

9 79-708 The governing body of each school shall provide suitable
10 flags and flagstaffs to carry out the provisions of this section and
11 section 79-707, and the cost of such flags and flagstaffs shall be paid
12 from the general operating funds of each school. Governing bodies shall
13 comply with section 1 of this act when acquiring a flag under this
14 section.

15 **Sec. 4.** Original sections 72-2205 and 79-708, Reissue Revised
16 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.