

LEGISLATIVE BILL 29

Approved by the Acting Governor January 27, 1989

Introduced by Labeledz, 5, Chairperson, Executive Board

AN ACT relating to employment security; to amend section 48-609, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943; to correct a reference to a nonexistent fund; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 48-609, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

48-609. Subject to other provisions of the Employment Security Law, the Commissioner of Labor is authorized to appoint, fix the compensation of, and prescribe the duties and powers of such officers, accountants, attorneys, experts, and other persons as may be necessary in the performance of his or her duties under such law. The commissioner may delegate to any such person such power and authority as he or she deems reasonable and proper for the effective administration of such law. Employees handling money or signing warrants under such law shall be bonded under the blanket surety bond required by section 11-201. The commissioner may pay the share of the premium for such bond from the ~~unemployment compensation administration fund~~ Employment Security Administration Fund. The commissioner shall classify positions under such law and shall establish salary schedules and minimum personnel standards for the positions so classified. He or she shall provide for the holding of examinations to determine the qualifications of applicants for the positions so classified, and, except for temporary appointments of not to exceed six months in duration, such personnel shall be appointed on the basis of efficiency and fitness as determined in such examinations. The commissioner shall adopt, promulgate, and enforce fair and reasonable rules and regulations for appointments, promotions, and demotions based upon ratings of efficiency and fitness and for terminations for cause.

The commissioner may provide for a contributory retirement system for the employees of the department employed prior to July 1, 1984, and paid from funds provided pursuant to Title III of the Social

Security Act or funds from other federal sources, or let a contract for such purpose with an insurance company licensed in Nebraska, and pay the employer's share of such system or contract from the Employment Security Administration Fund as long as this fund is wholly financed from Title III of the Social Security Act or from other federal sources. The employee's contribution to any such plan shall be deducted from his or her salary. Any person employed by the department after June 30, 1984, and paid from funds provided pursuant to Title III of the Social Security Act or funds from other federal sources shall be enrolled in the State Employees Retirement System of the State of Nebraska when he or she becomes eligible.

Sec. 2. That original section 48-609, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, is repealed.