



## **UNICAMERAL UPDATE**

**January 16, 2017**

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**RE:** Nebraska 2017 Legislative Session, Week ending January 13, 2017

### **WEEK IN REVIEW**

Friday was the 8<sup>th</sup> day of the 90-day 2017 Legislative Session. Among new Committee chairs approved are Brett Lindstrom – Banking, Commerce & Insurance; and Jonie Albrecht – Business & Labor. Bill introduction will conclude on Wednesday, January 18, 2017.

To date, 430 bills have been introduced in 2017.

Refer to the Nebraska Legislature home page <http://www.nebraskalegislature.gov>.

for links to one-liners for the introduced legislation so far this session. You'll also find current committee assignment listings, and an updated list of senators and their contact information.

#### **See below for list of 2017 IIAN Bills of Interest.**

Please review these bills, and advise us if there are any others that you would be interested in following.

**IIAN's Legislative committee will meet on January 20 in Lincoln, to determine positions on bills introduced this year, and plan for bill hearings. Our Day at the Capitol and Senators Luncheon at the Mansion will be held January 25, and looks like another "sell out"!** We are recruiting co-sponsors for IIAN's new bill to address the problem of independent contractors who do not insure themselves for workers' compensation.

#### **Committee hearings begin on Tuesday, January 17, 2017.**

The following IIAN Bills of Interest have been scheduled for hearings:

- **Tues. Jan. 17, 1:30 p.m.:** LB 21 (Banking, Commerce & Insurance Committee – Room 1507)
- **Mon. Jan. 23, 1:30 p.m.:** LB 181 (Business & Labor Committee – Room 2102)

#### **Here are some of the key dates in the 2017 legislative session:**

- January 17 – Public hearings begin on new bills (1:30 p.m. CT).
  - January 19 – Floor debate begins on General File bills.
  - March 8 – Deadline to request Speaker priority bills.
  - March 9 – Deadline for committees and senators to designate priority bills.
  - March 13 – Speaker priority bills announced.
  - March 23 – Deadline to complete bill hearings.
  - March 28 – Full-day floor debate begins.

- April 24 – Budget bills must be on General File.
- May 10 – Budget bills must be passed.
- June 2 – Sine die adjournment.

The latest issue of the Unicameral Update can be found at: <http://update.legislature.ne.gov/>.  
To review the full text of bills, please look on the Unicameral website at:  
<http://www.nebraskalegislature.gov>.

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### **2017 BILLS OF INTEREST**

LB21 Riepe	Change provisions relating to <a href="#">motor vehicle insurance</a> coverage for loaned vehicles
1/5/17	Introduced
1/9/17	Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee
<b>1/10/17</b>	<b>Hearing Scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017</b>
LB66 Hansen	Change provisions relating to stacking of coverage under the <a href="#">Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Insurance</a> Coverage Act
1/5/2017	Introduced
LB67 Brasch	Adopt the <a href="#">Fair Repair Act</a>
1/5/17	Introduced
1/9/17	Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee
1/10/17	Hearing scheduled for January 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2017
LB116 Harr	Redefine <a href="#">automobile liability policy</a> and change coverage provisions
1/6/17	Introduced
1/10/17	Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee
LB137 Lindstrom	Adopt the <a href="#">Unclaimed Life Insurance Benefits Act</a> ( <a href="#">Insurance Dept. Bill</a> )
1/9/17	Introduced
1/10/17	Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee
1/10/17	Watermeier name added
LB 147 Hansen	Change <a href="#">workers' compensation</a> provisions relating to waiting time, termination of compensation, and attorney's fees
1/9/2017	Introduced
1/10/17	Referred to Business and Labor Committee
	Would change workers' compensation provisions relating to waiting time, termination of compensation, and attorney's fees.
LB 181 Quick	Provide for reimbursement to employees for certain medical examinations under the Nebraska <a href="#">Workers' Compensation Act</a>
1/10/17	Introduced
1/12/17	Referred to Business and Labor Committee
<b>1/13/17</b>	<b>Hearing Scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017</b>

Would provide for reimbursement to employees for certain medical examinations under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act. If a doctor selected by the employer or its workers' compensation insurer renders medical findings on the medical condition of the employee or related issues – and the employee disputes the medical findings – the employee would be able to be reimbursed by the employer for a subsequent report and examination by a physician chosen by the employee, plus other expenses.

LB213 Hansen	Add an unfair claims settlement practice under the <a href="#">Unfair Insurance Claims Settlement Practices Act</a>
1/10/17	Introduced
1/12/17	Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee
<b>LB 220 Harr</b>	<b>Adopt the Insured Homeowners Protection Act</b>
1/10/17	Introduced
1/12/17	Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee
LB226 Wishart	Provide for purchase of <a href="#">motor vehicles and insurance</a> by certain juveniles, change foster care transition proposal provisions, and provide immunity from liability for caregivers
1/10/17	Introduced
1/12/17	Referred to Judiciary Committee
<b>LB231 Kolterman</b>	<b>Authorize disciplinary action under the Insurance Producers Licensing Act for failing to maintain a license in good standing (Insurance Dept. Bill)</b>
1/11/17	Introduced
1/13/17	Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee
<b>LB 241 Craighead</b>	<b>Provide an exception to the annual privacy notice requirement under the Privacy of Insurance Consumer Information Act (Insurance Dept. Bill)</b>
1/11/17	Introduced
1/13/17	Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee
LB 244 Bolz	Change provisions relating to mental injury and mental illness <b>for workers' compensation</b>
1/11/17	Introduced
1/13/17	Referred to Business and Labor Committee
	Would change provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act relating to mental injury and mental illness compensation. The bill would expand coverage to Frontline state employees – defined to mean an employee of the Department of Correctional Services or the Department of Health and Human Services whose duties involve regular and direct interaction with high-risk individuals.
LB 305 Crawford	Adopt the Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance Act
1/12/17	Introduced

LB 306 Lindstrom 1/12/17	Change provisions relating to the scope of coverage of and notice required under the Portable Electronics Insurance Act Introduced
LB 319 Halloran 1/12/17	Provide for confidentiality of and access to certain injury reports under the Nebraska <b>Workers' Compensation Act</b> Introduced Would provide for confidentiality of and access to certain injury reports under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act.
LB 353 Baker 1/12/17	Change claim, award, and judgment payment provisions under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act Introduced
LB 362 Riepe 1/13/17	Adopt the Health Savings Account Act and provide an income tax deduction Introduced
LB 388 Lindstrom 1/13/17	Authorize remote electronic notarial acts Introduced
LB 406 Kolterman 1/13/17	Change provisions relating to notice of cancellation, nonrenewal, or nonpayment of a premium for <b>automobile liability policies</b> Introduced
LB 408 Lowe 1/13/17	Provide for a drug formulary under the Nebraska <b>Workers' Compensation Act</b> Introduced