



UNICAMERAL UPDATE

January 22, 2017

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From: James P. Cavanaugh
RE: Nebraska 2017 Legislative Session, Week ending January 20, 2017

WEEK IN REVIEW

Friday was the 12th day of the 90-day 2017 Legislative Session.

Last week, the legislature conducted half day sessions, and concluded bill introduction on Wednesday, January 18. A total of 667 bills were introduced.

To see a list of “one-liners” describing bills introduced this year, click here: [Legislative Bills](#) .

To see schedule of committee hearings for the coming week, click here: [Committee Hearings](#).

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 met on January 20 in Lincoln, and determined positions on key bills of interest.** 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 – **LB 553**.

Our Day at the Capitol and Senators Luncheon at the Mansion will be held January 25, and will be another “sell out”!

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

- **Mon. Jan. 23, 1:30 p.m.:** LB 181 (Business & Labor Committee – Room 2102)
- **Wed. Jan. 25, 1:30 p.m.:** LB388 (Government, Military & Veterans Affairs – Room 1507)

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 **motor vehicle insurance** coverage for loaned vehicles
IIAN Position: Monitor
1/5/17 Introduced
1/9/17 Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee
1/10/17 Hearing Scheduled for January 17th, 2017
- LB66 Hansen Change provisions relating to stacking of coverage under the **Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Insurance** Coverage Act
IIAN Position: Monitor
1/5/17 Introduced
1/9/17 Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee
- LB67 Brasch Adopt the **Fair Repair Act**
IIAN Position: Monitor
1/5/17 Introduced
1/9/17 Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee
1/10/17 Hearing scheduled for January 17th, 2017
- LB116 Harr Redefine **automobile liability policy** and change coverage provisions
IIAN Position: Monitor
1/6/17 Introduced
1/10/17 Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee
- LB137 Lindstrom Adopt the Unclaimed Life Insurance Benefits Act (**Insurance Dept. Bill**)
IIAN Position: Monitor
1/9/17 Introduced
1/10/17 Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee
1/10/17 Watermeier name added
- LB147 Hansen Change **workers' compensation** provisions relating to waiting time, termination of compensation, and attorney's fees
1/9/17 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.
- LB168 Ebke Change provisions relating to rights of subrogation of medical payments with respect to **automobile liability policies**
IIAN Position: To Be Determined
1/10/17 Introduced
1/12/17 Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

- LB 181 Quick Provide for reimbursement to employees for certain medical examinations under the Nebraska **Workers' Compensation Act**
IIAN Position: Monitor
1/10/17 Introduced
1/12/17 Referred to Business and Labor Committee
1/13/17 Hearing Scheduled for January 23rd, 2017
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 **Unfair Insurance Claims Settlement Practices Act**
IIAN Position: To Be Determined
1/10/17 Introduced
1/12/17 Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee
- LB 220 Harr Adopt the Insured Homeowners Protection Act
IIAN Position: Monitor
1/10/17 Introduced
1/12/17 Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee
- LB226 Wishart Provide for purchase of **motor vehicles and insurance** by certain juveniles, change foster care transition proposal provisions, and provide immunity from liability for caregivers
IIAN Position: To Be Determined
1/10/17 Introduced
1/12/17 Referred to Judiciary Committee
- LB231 Kolterman Authorize disciplinary action under the Insurance Producers Licensing Act for failing to maintain a license in good standing (**Insurance Dept. Bill**)
IIAN Position: Support
1/11/17 Introduced
1/13/17 Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee
- LB 241 Craighead Provide an exception to the annual privacy notice requirement under the Privacy of Insurance Consumer Information Act (**Insurance Dept. Bill**)
IIAN Position: Support
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 **for workers' compensation**
IIAN Position: To Be Determined
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
 1/17/17 Referred to Business and Labor Committee
- LB 306 Lindstrom Change provisions relating to the scope of coverage of and notice
 required under the Portable Electronics Insurance Act
IIAN Position: To Be Determined
 1/12/17 Introduced
 1/17/17 Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee
- LB 319 Halloran Provide for confidentiality of and access to certain injury reports under the
 Nebraska **Workers' Compensation Act**
IIAN Position: To Be Determined
 1/12/17 Introduced
 1/17/17 Referred to Business and Labor Committee
 Would provide for confidentiality of and access to certain injury reports under the
 Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act.
- LB 353 Baker Change claim, award, and judgment payment provisions under the
 Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act
 1/12/17 Introduced
 1/17/17 Referred to Judiciary Committee
 1/17/17 Chambers MO11 Rerefer to Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
 Committee filed
 1/18/17 Chambers MO11 failed
- LB 362 Riepe Adopt the Health Savings Account Act and provide an income tax
 deduction
 1/13/17 Introduced
 1/17/17 Referred to Revenue Committee
- LB 388 Lindstrom Authorize remote electronic notarial acts
 1/13/17 Introduced
 1/17/17 Referred to Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
 1/18/17 Hearing scheduled for January 25, 2017
- LB 406 Kolterman Change provisions relating to notice of cancellation, nonrenewal, or
 nonpayment of a premium for **automobile liability policies**
IIAN Position: Monitor
 1/13/17 Introduced
 1/17/17 Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee
- LB 408 Lowe Provide for a drug formulary under the Nebraska **Workers' Compensation**
 Act
IIAN Position: Monitor
 1/13/17 Introduced

- 1/17/17 Referred to Business and Labor Committee
- LB486 Kolterman Change continuing education requirements for insurance licensees
IIAN Position: Monitor
 1/17/17 Introduced
 1/19/17 Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee
- LB517 Pansing-Brooks Change provisions regarding transfer of property upon death
 1/18/17 Introduced
 1/20/17 Referred to Judiciary Committee
- LB550 Lindstrom Change provisions relating to the Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool
IIAN Position: Monitor
 1/18/17 Introduced
 1/20/17 Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee
- LB553 Lowe Provide for a nonelection of coverage under the Nebraska **Workers' Compensation Act**
IIAN Position: Pro-Active Support
 1/18/17 Introduced
 1/19/17 Kolterman name added
 1/20/17 Referred to Business and Labor Committee
- LB609 Linehan Provide fee schedules under the Nebraska **Workers' Compensation Act**
IIAN Position: To be determined
 1/18/17 Introduced
 1/20/17 Referred to Business and Labor Committee
- LB643 Krist Change automobile liability insurance and financial responsibility requirements
IIAN Position: Pro-Active Support
 1/18/17 Introduced
 1/20/17 Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee