



UNICAMERAL UPDATE

March 23, 2020

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FROM: Cavanaugh & Associates – Michael J. O’Hara
RE: Nebraska 2020 Legislative Session, Week ending March 20, 2020

WEEK IN REVIEW

Thursday, March 12th was the 40th day of this short, 60-day session. The Legislature was expected to return for its 41st day on Tuesday, March 17th; however, on Monday, March 16th the Speaker suspended the session until further notice. Then on March 20th the Speaker reconvened the Unicameral for March 23rd to authorize emergency spending to address the coronavirus pandemic. [Read Unicameral report on today’s session.](#)

If the Unicameral must adjourn again for an extended period prior to passing must-pass bills (e.g., budget items; flood items), then the legislature shall return. However, it is possible that the legislature will not complete all 60 days.

For a quick summary of where the session was upon starting its long recess, here is a listing of the bills of special interest to IIAN that clearly still are in play, their position, and priority.

On March 6, LB 963 was advanced to Final Reading - introduced by Senator Brewer (but Senator McDonnell's priority bill) to “Change provisions relating to workers' compensation for injuries to first responders and frontline state employees.” On Select File LB963 had amended into it (AM2734) provisions/portions of LB448 to “Change provisions relating to compensation for burial expenses under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act”.

LB774, which started as the Insurance Department’s bill, was given a new one liner and was advanced from General File. The NEW ONE LINER is to” Change provisions relating to reinsurance, motor vehicle service contract reimbursement insurance, and fees for dental services and prohibit certain activities by health care facilities”; the OLD ONE LINER was to “Change requirements regarding credit for reinsurance”. **With the committee amendment AM2558 , LB774 became a Christmas tree that contains provisions of three other bills (none of which was being specifically followed by IIAN) : LB886** by Senator Arch to “Prohibit certain acts by health insurers and network providers and list a deceptive trade practice”; **LB954** by Senator Lindstrom to “Change insurance provisions relating to fees for dental services”; and **LB1199** by Senator Lindstrom to “Change provisions relating to motor vehicle service contract reimbursement insurance”.

LB 944 by Senator Geist was placed on Final Reading and given a new one liner. LB 944 is now a

Christmas tree with AM2307 adding the provisions of LB 768, LB 785, LB 831, LB 983, and LB 1067, none of which was being specifically followed by IIAN. The NEW ONE LINER is to “ Change and provide provisions for REAL ID, motor vehicle fees, federal references, handicapped parking permits, junked vehicles, odometers, destroyed vehicles, the International Registration Plan, license plates, electronic delivery of operator’s licenses and ID cards, CDL’s, point system, vehicle length and weight limits; ATV’s and UTV’s, the International Tax Agreement Act, the unified carrier registration plan and agreement, and civil penalties”. The OLD ONE LINER was to “Change provisions relating to motor vehicles”.

LB961 by Senator Friesen to Adopt the Peer-to-Peer Vehicle Sharing Program Act. On General File with white copy amendment AM2324; not a priority bill.

COVID-19 Developments:

On Wednesday, March 18th, upon the discovery of the second community transmission of COVID-19 in Douglas County, both Douglas County and the City of Omaha declared emergencies and ordered (not requested) public groups be limited to 10 persons. On Thursday, March 19th Governor Ricketts expanded upon that local order by giving a State order to include adjacent counties of Sarpy, Cass, and Washington. The Governor's website has the latest update. <https://governor.nebraska.gov/>

On Friday the 20th the Governor requested, and the Speaker is exploring with the Senators whether there is consensus, that the Unicameral return on Monday the 23rd to authorize emergency spending to address the pandemic.

Information Sources: The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) hosts the Health Alert Network (HAN). <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Health-Alert-Network.aspx> The DHHS HAN provides the most current health information.

The lead agency for assisting the Governor is the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA); which is led by the Nebraska's Adjunct General. NEMA's site can be found at this link, which identifies many support services and service providers. <https://nema.nebraska.gov/> NEMA coordinates local response plans that are primarily the responsibility of counties and cities. For how you can aid your local effort, contact your local county board' office. To find local officials and how to help locally, see this Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) website <https://nacone.org/> and this League of Nebraska Municipalities website <https://www.lonm.org/>. For a bio of Nebraska's Adjunct

General, Major General Daryl Bohac, see this link.

<https://www.nationalguard.mil/portals/31/Features/ngbgomo/bio/2/2164.html>.

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Bills of Interest to IIAN
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New Bills Introduced In 2020:

LB746-MON Blood Adopt the Nebraska Consumer Data Privacy Act

1/27/2020 Notice of hearing for February 4, 2020

1/14/2020 Referred to Transportation and Telecommunications Committee

1/8/2020 Date of introduction

LB774-MON Williams **OLD: Change requirements regarding credit for reinsurance**
NEW: Change provisions relating to reinsurance, motor vehicle service contract reimbursement insurance, and fees for dental services and prohibit certain activities by health care facilities

3/9/2020 Advanced with AM2558 adding provisions of LB886, LB954, and LB1199

2/26/2020 Placed on **General File** with AM2558

2/19/2020 **Banking, Commerce & Insurance Priority Bill**

1/14/2020 Notice of hearing for January 21, 2020 **(Insurance Dept. Bill)**

1/10/2020 Referred to Banking, Commerce & Insurance Committee

1/8/2020 Date of introduction

1/9/2020 Date of introduction

LB 757-Review Blood Prohibit certain fraudulent acts under the Nebraska Criminal Code and the Insurance Fraud Act

1/27/2020 Notice of hearing for February 04, 2020

1/10/2020 Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

1/8/2020 Date of introduction

LB 765-Review Lindstrom Eliminate a duty of the Attorney General with respect to prosecution of certain **workers' compensation** report violations

1/16/2020 Lindstrom MO116 prevailed

1/16/2020 **Bill withdrawn**

1/15/2020 Lindstrom MO116 Withdraw bill filed

1/10/2020 Referred to Business and Labor Committee

1/8/2020 Date of introduction

LB787-MON Lathrop Construe applicability of certain uninsured and underinsured motor vehicle insurance coverages

2/4/2020 Notice of hearing for February 11, 2020 (cancel)

1/30/2020 Bill withdrawn

1/30/2020 Lathrop MO136 prevailed

1/29/2020 Lathrop MO136 Withdraw bill filed

1/10/2020 Referred to Transportation and Telecommunications Committee

1/8/2020 Date of introduction

LB846 MON BOSI Quick Change provisions relating to compensation under the Nebraska **Workers' Compensation Act**

1/15/2020 Notice of hearing for January 27, 2020

1/10/2020 Referred to Business and Labor Committee

1/8/2020 Date of introduction

LB871-MON Crawford Change unconscionability provisions under the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act

1/15/2020 Notice of hearing for January 22, 2020

1/13/2020 Referred to Judiciary Committee

1/9/2020 Date of introduction

LB878--MON Walz Redefine immediate family and change conflict of interest provisions under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act

2/11/2020 Notice of hearing for February 20, 2020

1/13/2020 Referred to Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee

1/9/2020 Date of introduction

LB884-MON Lindstrom Provide for legal effect of a publication concerning liability insurance

1/15/2020 Notice of hearing for January 22, 2020

1/13/2020 Referred to Judiciary Committee

1/9/2020 Date of introduction

LB 944 - Review Geist **OLD: Change provisions relating to motor vehicles**

NEW: Change and provide provisions for REAL ID, motor vehicle fees, federal references, handicapped parking permits, junked vehicles, odometers, destroyed vehicles, the International Registration Plan, license plates, electronic delivery of operator's licenses and ID cards, CDL's, point system, vehicle length and weight limits; ATV's and UTV's, the International Tax Agreement Act, the unified carrier registration plan and agreement, and civil penalties

3/11/2020 **Placed on Final Reading**

3/6/2020 Bolz AM 2761 adopted

3/6/2020 Friesen AM 2612 adopted
 3/6/2020 Bostelman AM2414 adopted
 3/6/2020 Friesen AM2396 withdrawn
 2/20/2020 Friesen AM2396 filed
 2/18/2020 Bostelman AM2414 filed
 2/13/2020 Placed on **Select File** with ER168
 2/11/2020 Transportation and Telecommunications AM2307 adopted - **added provisions of LB768, LB785, LB831, LB983, and LB1067**
 2/11/2020 Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial
 2/10/2020 Transportation and Telecommunications AM2307 filed
 2/10/2020 Placed on **General File** with AM2307
 2/5/2020 **Transportation and Telecommunications priority bill**
 1/15/2020 Notice of hearing for January 27, 2020
 1/14/2020 Referred to Transportation and Telecommunications Committee
 1/13/2020 Date of introduction

LB946-ANTI BOSI Briese **Change the sales tax rate and impose sales tax on additional services**

2/18/2020 **Notice of hearing for February 26, 2020**
 1/15/2020 Gragert name added
 1/14/2020 McCollister name added
 1/14/2020 Referred to Revenue Committee
 1/13/2020 Date of introduction

LB961-MON Friesen **Adopt the Peer-to-Peer Vehicle Sharing Program Act**

2/13/20 **Placed on General File** with AM2324
 1/16/2020 **Notice of hearing for January 28, 2020**
 1/14/2020 Referred to Transportation and Telecommunications Committee
 1/13/2020 Date of introduction

LB963-MON Brewer **Change provisions relating to workers' compensation for injuries to first responders and frontline state employees**

3/06/2020 AM2734 & AM 2776 adopted, **Portions of LB 448 amended into LB 963** by [AM2734](#), **Advanced to Final Reading**
 3/03/2020 **Placed on Select File**, Hansen M. name added
 2/21/2020 **McDonnell Priority Bill**
 2/20/2020 **Placed on General File** with AM2523 adopted
 2/10/2020 Blood name added
 1/15/2020 **Notice of hearing for January 27, 2020**
 1/14/2020 Referred to Business and Labor Committee
 1/13/2020 Date of introduction

LB 988 Hilgers Provide restrictions on business entity ownership with respect to certain professional services
1/28/2020 Notice of hearing for February 10, 2020
1/15/2020 Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee
1/14/2020 Date of introduction

1024-MON Clements Change provisions of the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act
1/28/2020 Notice of hearing for February 24, 2020
1/16/2020 Date of introduction

1126-MON Vargas Change attorney's fees, penalties, and interest provisions under the Nebraska **Workers' Compensation Act**
1/30/2020 Notice of hearing for February 24, 2020
1/24/2020 Referred to Business and Labor Committee
1/22/2020 Date of introduction

1127-MON Vargas Change and provide contempt powers for the Nebraska **Workers' Compensation Court**
1/30/2020 Notice of hearing for February 24, 2020
1/24/2020 Referred to Business and Labor Committee
1/22/2020 Date of introduction

1128-MON/Research Vargas Provide an exception for a claim based on bad faith and a limitation of action under the Nebraska **Workers' Compensation Act**
1/30/2020 Notice of hearing for February 24, 2020
1/24/2020 Referred to Business and Labor Committee
1/22/2020 Date of introduction

1129-MON/Research Vargas Change evasion of law provisions and ensure certain coverage under the Nebraska **Workers' Compensation Act**
1/30/2020 Notice of hearing for February 24, 2020
1/24/2020 Referred to Business and Labor Committee
1/22/2020 Date of introduction

1133-MON Wayne Increase caps on medical malpractice liability
1/28/2020 Notice of hearing for February 19, 2020
1/24/2020 Referred to Judiciary Committee
1/22/2020 Date of introduction

1199-MON Lindstrom Change provisions relating to motor vehicle service contract reimbursement insurance
2/13/2020 Placed on **General File**
1/28/2020 Notice of hearing for February 11, 2020
1/23/2020 Date of introduction

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Bill # Position	Sen.	
LB 19 MON BOSI	Briese	Allow withholding from public of reports of injury under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act as prescribed and provide duties for the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court
	1/8/2020	Title printed. Carryover bill
	3/1/2019	Notice of hearing for March 25, 2019
	3/1/2019	Notice of hearing for March 18, 2019 (cancel)
	2/8/2019	Notice of hearing for March 18, 2019
	1/14/2019	Referred to Business and Labor Committee
	1/10/2019	Date of introduction
LB 99	Wayne	Change requirements of the Prompt Payment Act
	1/8/2020	Title printed. Carryover bill
	2/11/2019	Notice of hearing for February 20, 2019
	1/14/2019	Referred to Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
	1/10/2019	Date of introduction
LB142	Geist	Change provisions relating to driving automation systems and liability
	1/8/2020	Title printed. Carryover bill
	2/26/2019	Geist AM49 filed
	2/22/2019	Placed on General File
	1/18/2019	Notice of hearing for January 29, 2019
	1/15/2019	Referred to Transportation and Telecommunications Committee
	1/11/2019	Date of introduction
LB178	Hilgers	Change provisions relating to workers' compensation claims, tort claims against the state, and state vehicles
	5/31/2019	Motion to suspend rules to indefinitely postpone prevailed
	5/31/2019	Indefinitely postponed
	5/31/2019	Provisions/portions of LB178 amended into LB418 by AM1266
	5/24/2019	Motion to suspend rules to indefinitely postpone filed
	3/28/2019	Placed on General File

3/1/2019 Notice of hearing for March 25, 2019 (cancel)
3/1/2019 Notice of hearing for March 25, 2019
2/8/2019 Notice of hearing for March 25, 2019
1/15/2019 Referred to Business and Labor Committee
1/11/2019 Date of introduction

LB257 MON BoSI Kolterman Change provisions relating to loss payouts by insurers

1/8/2020 Title printed. Carryover bill
1/28/2019 Notice of hearing for February 12, 2019
1/17/2019 Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee
1/15/2019 Date of introduction

LB274 BoSI Hansen, M. Change provisions relating to stacking of coverage under the Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Insurance Coverage Act

1/8/2020 Title printed. Carryover bill
1/28/2019 Notice of hearing for February 19, 2019
1/17/2019 Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee
1/15/2019 Date of introduction

LB306 Crawford Change provisions relating to good cause for voluntarily leaving employment under the Employment Security Law

1/8/2020 Title printed. Carryover bill
3/1/2019 Failed on Final Reading 20-15-14
3/1/2019 Crawford MO19 Reconsider the vote on final passage filed
2/22/2019 Placed on Final Reading
2/13/2019 Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment
2/8/2019 McCollister name added
2/8/2019 Placed on Select File
2/7/2019 Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial
2/7/2019 Business and Labor AM71 adopted
2/6/2019 Business and Labor AM71 pending
1/31/2019 Business and Labor AM71 filed
1/31/2019 Placed on General File with AM71
1/18/2019 Notice of hearing for January 28, 2019
1/17/2019 Referred to Business and Labor Committee
1/15/2019 Date of introduction

- LB378** Hansen, B. Change helmet provisions for autocycles, motorcycles, and mopeds
- 1/8/2020 Title printed. Carryover bill
 - 5/10/2019 Hilkemann AM1659 filed
 - 5/10/2019 Hilkemann AM1664 filed
 - 5/10/2019 Hilkemann AM1665 filed
 - 5/10/2019 Hilkemann AM1663 filed
 - 5/10/2019 Hilkemann AM1662 filed
 - 5/1/2019 Placed on General File
 - 1/30/2019 Notice of hearing for February 12, 2019
 - 1/30/2019 Morfeld name added
 - 1/29/2019 Linehan name added
 - 1/22/2019 Referred to Transportation and Telecommunications Committee
 - 1/17/2019 Date of introduction
- LB408** Quick Change provisions relating to compensation paid upon the death of an employee under the Nebraska **Workers' Compensation Act**
- 1/8/2020 Title printed. Carryover bill
 - 2/8/2019 Notice of hearing for March 04, 2019
 - 1/23/2019 Referred to Business and Labor Committee
 - 1/18/2019 Date of introduction
- LB487** La Grone Require the Nebraska **Workers' Compensation** Court to adopt an evidence-based drug formulary
- 1/8/2020 Title printed. Carryover bill
 - 2/8/2019 Notice of hearing for March 04, 2019
 - 1/24/2019 Referred to Business and Labor Committee
 - 1/22/2019 Date of introduction
- LB501** Hunt Require insurance coverage for in vitro fertilization procedures
- 1/8/2020 Title printed. Carryover bill
 - 1/28/2019 Notice of hearing for March 04, 2019
 - 1/24/2019 Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee
 - 1/22/2019 Date of introduction
- LB521 MON** McDonnell Change and eliminate provisions relating to automated vehicles
- 1/8/2020 Title printed. Carryover bill
 - 1/30/2019 Notice of hearing for March 05, 2019

1/24/2019 Referred to Transportation and Telecommunications Committee
1/22/2019 Date of introduction

LB526 McDonnell Change provisions relating to compensation for temporary disability under the Nebraska **Workers' Compensation Act**

1/8/2020 Title printed. Carryover bill
2/8/2019 Notice of hearing for March 04, 2019
1/24/2019 Referred to Business and Labor Committee
1/22/2019 Date of introduction

LB573 MON BOSI Brewer Change provisions relating to agreements under the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act

3/19/2019 Indefinitely postponed
1/28/2019 Notice of hearing for March 18, 2019
1/25/2019 Brewer name withdrawn
1/24/2019 Hansen, M. name added
1/24/2019 Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee
1/22/2019 Date of introduction

LB579 Quick Authorize issuance of ignition interlock permits to persons who caused serious bodily injury while driving under the influence

5/31/2019 Indefinitely postponed
5/31/2019 Provisions/portions of LB579 amended into LB269 by AM611
5/31/2019 Motion to suspend rules to indefinitely postpone prevailed
5/24/2019 Motion to suspend rules to indefinitely postpone filed
2/26/2019 Placed on General File with AM345
2/26/2019 Judiciary AM345 filed
2/5/2019 Notice of hearing for February 13, 2019
1/25/2019 Referred to Judiciary Committee
1/22/2019 Date of introduction

LB672 ANTI BoSI Clements Change provisions of the Motor Vehicle Registration Act relating to named driver insurance policy

1/8/2020 Title printed. Carryover bill
1/28/2019 Notice of hearing for February 19, 2019
1/25/2019 Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee
1/23/2019 Date of introduction