

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB16

Hearing Date: Thursday February 09, 2023
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Briese
One Liner: Require occupational boards to issue certain credentials based on credentials or work experience in another jurisdiction and make a determination regarding an applicant with a criminal conviction, provide for jurisprudential examinations and appeals from denial of a license, and change requirements for membership of the State Electrical Board

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	5	Senators Aguilar, Brewer, Conrad, Halloran, Lowe
Nay:	1	Senator Raybould
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	2	Senators Hunt, Sanders

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Tom Briese
Laura Ebke
Nick Smith
Jasmine Harris
Spike Eickholt
Jon Nebel
Meagan Forbes

Representing:

Introducer
Platte Institute
Self
RISE
ACLU of Nebraska
IBEW/Nebraska State Council of Electrical Workers
Institute for Justice

Opponents:

Daniel Rosenquist
Becky Ohlson
Michelle Weber

Representing:

Nebraska Medical Association
American Massage Therapy Association Nebraska Chapter
Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association

Neutral:

Becky Wisell

Representing:

Department of Health and Human Services

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

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This bill proposes a number of changes to occupational regulations in Nebraska. It would modify the composition of the



State Electrical Board with the addition of two new members. It would provide for broad reciprocal licensure for persons licensed in other states, military servicemembers, and apprentice trainees. Attorneys, certain financial and accounting professionals, engineers and architects, real estate professionals, and law enforcement officials would be excluded from some provisions of the bill. The bill would also mandate a preliminary application process for persons interested in seeking occupational licensure in Nebraska.

Explanation of amendments:

Explanation of AM 748

This amendment restates the bill in its entirety.

Section 1 rewords the revisions to the statute setting out the composition of the State Electrical Board.

Section 2 rewords language relating to revocations and surrenders of credentials in a military context, and elaborates on requirements for proving Nebraska residency.

Sections 3 and 4 contain harmonizing changes that were present in the introduced bill.

Section 5 contains a detailed list of twenty-five disqualifying convictions as well as several categories of potentially disqualifying convictions including those from other legal jurisdictions.

Section 6 contains definitions also included in the introduced version of the bill.

Section 7 contains language relating to federal supremacy and precedence in areas governed by federal law. These provisions were in the introduced version of the bill.

Section 8 includes a list of professions not covered by the bill. This amendment adds occupations regulated by the Real Property Appraiser Board to the list.

Section 9 allows some nonviolent misdemeanors to disqualify an applicant for an occupational license.

Section 10 contains details relating to reciprocity parameters for military credentials, private certifications, and other relevant credentials.

Section 11 contains harmonizing changes present in the original version of the bill.

Section 12 allows for some nonviolent misdemeanors to disqualify an applicant, and also changes the list of past adjudications that are not subject to disclosure by an applicant.

Section 13 contains the repealer.

Tom Brewer, Chairperson

