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LEGISLATIVE BILL 503

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A BILL

1	FOR AN	ACT relating to recreational activities; to amend
2		sections 15-258 and 16-226, Reissue Revised Statutes of
3		Nebraska, and section 14-102, Revised Statutes Cumulative
4		Supplement, 2008; to adopt the Nebraska Shooting Range
5		Protection Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal
6		the original sections.

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

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1	Section 1. Sections 1 to 10 of this act shall be known
2	and may be cited as the Nebraska Shooting Range Protection Act.
3	Sec. 2. For purposes of the Nebraska Shooting Range
4	Protection Act:
5	(1) Firearm has the same meaning as in section 28-1201;
6	(2) Person means an individual, association,
7	proprietorship, partnership, corporation, club, political
8	subdivision, or other legal entity;
9	(3) Shooting range means an area or facility designated
10	or operated primarily for the use of firearms or archery and which
11	is operated in compliance with the act and the shooting range
12	performance standards. Shooting range excludes shooting preserves
13	or areas used for law enforcement or military training; and
14	(4) Shooting range performance standards means the
15	revised edition of the National Rifle Association's range source
16	book titled A Guide To Planning And Construction adopted by the
17	National Rifle Association, as such book existed on January 1,
18	2009, for the safe operation of shooting ranges.
19	Sec. 3. (1) The Game and Parks Commission shall adopt and
20	promulgate as rules and regulations the shooting range performance
21	standards.
22	(2) The commission shall review the shooting range
23	performance standards at least once every five years and revise
24	them if necessary for the continuing safe operation of shooting
25	ranges.

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1	Sec. 4. Any shooting range that is existing and lawful
2	may continue to operate as a shooting range notwithstanding,
3	and without regard to, any law, rule, regulation, ordinance, or
4	resolution related to zoning enacted thereafter by a city, county,
5	village, or other political subdivision of the state, if operated
6	in compliance with the shooting range performance standards.
7	Sec. 5. Any shooting range that is existing and lawful
8	may continue to operate as a shooting range notwithstanding,
9	and without regard to, any law, rule, regulation, ordinance, or
10	resolution related to noise enacted thereafter by any city, county,
11	village, or other political subdivision of the state, except as
12	provided in section 8 of this act, if operated in compliance with
13	the shooting range performance standards.
14	Sec. 6. <u>No law, rule, regulation, ordinance, or</u>
15	resolution relating to the discharge of a firearm at a shooting
16	range with respect to any shooting range existing and lawful shall
17	be enforced by any city, county, village, or other political
18	subdivision, except as provided in section 8 of this act,
19	if operated in compliance with the shooting range performance
20	standards.
21	Sec. 7. <u>A shooting range that is existing and lawful</u>
22	shall be permitted to do any of the following if done in
23	compliance with the shooting range performance standards and
24	generally applicable building and safety codes:
25	(1) Repair, remodel, or reinforce any improvement or

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24 (2) A person, the state, or any city, county, village,
25 or other political subdivision of the state shall not take

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1 title to property which has a shooting range by condemnation, 2 eminent domain, or similar process when the proposed use of the 3 property would be for shooting-related activities or recreational activities or for private commercial development. This subsection 4 does not limit the exercise of eminent domain or easement necessary 5 6 for infrastructure additions or improvements, such as highways, 7 waterways, or utilities. 8 Sec. 11. Section 14-102, Revised Statutes Cumulative 9 Supplement, 2008, is amended to read: 10 14-102 In addition to the powers granted in section 11 14-101, cities of the metropolitan class shall have power by 12 ordinance: 13 Taxes, special assessments. 14 (1) To levy any tax or special assessment authorized by 15 law; 16 Corporate seal. 17 (2) To provide a corporate seal for the use of the city, 18 and also any official seal for the use of any officer, board, 19 or agent of the city, whose duties under this act or under any 20 ordinance require an official seal to be used. Such corporate 21 seal shall be used in the execution of municipal bonds, warrants, 22 conveyances, and other instruments and proceedings as this act or 23 the ordinances of the city require; Regulation of public health. 24

25 (3) To provide all needful rules and regulations for the

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1 protection and preservation of health within the city; and for this 2 purpose they may provide for the enforcement of the use of water 3 from public water supplies when the use of water from other sources 4 shall be deemed unsafe; 5 Appropriations for debts and expenses. 6 (4) To appropriate money and provide for the payment of debts and expenses of the city; 7 8 Protection of strangers and travelers. 9 (5) To adopt all such measures as they may deem necessary 10 for the accommodation and protection of strangers and the traveling 11 public in person and property; 12 Concealed weapons, firearms, fireworks, explosives. 13 (6) To punish and prevent the carrying of concealed weapons and the discharge of firearms, fireworks, or explosives 14 of any description within the city, other than the discharge of 15 16 firearms at a shooting range pursuant to the Nebraska Shooting 17 Range Protection Act; 18 Sale of foodstuffs. 19 (7) To regulate the inspection and sale of meats, flour, 20 poultry, fish, milk, vegetables, and all other provisions or 21 articles of food exposed or offered for sale in the city; 22 Official bonds. 23 (8) To require all officers or servants elected or appointed in pursuance of this act to give bond and security for 24 25 the faithful performance of their duties; but no officer shall

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become security upon the official bond of another or upon any bond
 executed to the city;

3 Official reports of city officers.

4 (9) To require from any officer of the city at any time a 5 report, in detail, of the transactions of his or her office or any 6 matter connected therewith;

7 Cruelty to children and animals.

8 (10) To provide for the prevention of cruelty to children9 and animals;

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Dogs; taxes and restrictions.

11 (11) To regulate, license, or prohibit the running at 12 large of dogs and other animals within the city as well as in areas 13 within three miles of the corporate limits of the city, to guard 14 against injuries or annoyance from such dogs and other animals, and 15 to authorize the destruction of the dogs and other animals when 16 running at large contrary to the provisions of any ordinance. Any licensing provision shall comply with subsection (2) of section 17 18 54-603 for service animals;

19 Cleaning sidewalks.

20 (12) To provide for keeping sidewalks clean and free 21 from obstructions and accumulations, to provide for the assessment 22 and collection of taxes on real estate and for the sale and 23 conveyance thereof, and to pay the expenses of keeping the sidewalk 24 adjacent to such real estate clean and free from obstructions and 25 accumulations as herein provided;

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1 Planting and trimming of trees; protection of birds. 2 (13) To provide for the planting and protection of shade 3 or ornamental and useful trees upon the streets or boulevards, to assess the cost thereof to the extent of benefits upon the 4 5 abutting property as a special assessment, and to provide for the 6 protection of birds and animals and their nests; to provide for 7 the trimming of trees located upon the streets and boulevards or 8 when the branches of trees overhang the streets and boulevards when 9 in the judgment of the mayor and council such trimming is made 10 necessary to properly light such street or boulevard or to furnish 11 proper police protection and to assess the cost thereof upon the 12 abutting property as a special assessment;

13 Naming and numbering streets and houses.

14 (14) To provide for, regulate, and require the numbering 15 or renumbering of houses along public streets or avenues; to care 16 for and control and to name and rename streets, avenues, parks, and 17 squares within the city;

18 Weeds.

19 (15) To require weeds and worthless vegetation growing 20 upon any lot or piece of ground within the city to be cut and 21 destroyed so as to abate any nuisance occasioned thereby, to 22 prohibit and control the throwing, depositing, or accumulation of 23 litter on any lot or piece of ground within the city and to require 24 the removal thereof so as to abate any nuisance occasioned thereby, 25 and if the owner fails to cut and destroy weeds and worthless

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vegetation or remove litter, or both, after notice as required by ordinance, to assess the cost thereof upon the lots or lands as a special assessment. The notice required to be given may be by publication in the official newspaper of the city and may be directed in general terms to the owners of lots and lands affected without naming such owners;

7 Animals running at large.

8 (16) To prohibit and regulate the running at large or 9 the herding or driving of domestic animals, such as hogs, cattle, 10 horses, sheep, goats, fowls, or animals of any kind or description 11 within the corporate limits and provide for the impounding of 12 all animals running at large, herded, or driven contrary to such 13 prohibition; and to provide for the forfeiture and sale of animals impounded to pay the expense of taking up, caring for, and selling 14 15 such impounded animals, including the cost of advertising and fees 16 of officers;

17 Use of streets.

18 (17) To regulate the transportation of articles through 19 the streets, to prevent injuries to the streets from overloaded 20 vehicles, and to regulate the width of wagon tires and tires of 21 other vehicles;

22 Playing on streets and sidewalks.

(18) To prevent or regulate the rolling of hoops, playing
of ball, flying of kites, the riding of bicycles or tricycles, or
any other amusement or practice having a tendency to annoy persons

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passing in the streets or on the sidewalks or to frighten teams or 1 2 horses; to regulate the use of vehicles propelled by steam, gas, 3 electricity, or other motive power, operated on the streets of the 4 city; 5 Combustibles and explosives. 6 (19) To regulate or prohibit the transportation and 7 keeping of gunpowder, oils, and other combustible and explosive 8 articles; 9 Public sale of chattels on streets. 10 (20) To regulate, license, or prohibit the sale of 11 domestic animals or of goods, wares, and merchandise at public 12 auction on the streets, alleys, highways, or any public ground 13 within the city; 14 Signs and obstruction in streets. 15 (21) To regulate and prevent the use of streets, 16 sidewalks, and public grounds for signs, posts, awnings, awning posts, scales, or other like purposes; to regulate and prohibit 17 18 the exhibition or carrying or conveying of banners, placards, 19 advertisements, or the distribution or posting of advertisements or 20 handbills in the streets or public grounds or upon the sidewalks; 21 Disorderly conduct. 22 (22) To provide for the punishment of persons disturbing 23 the peace and good order of the city by clamor and noise, intoxication, drunkenness, fighting, or using obscene or profane 24 25 language in the streets or other public places or otherwise

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violating the public peace by indecent or disorderly conduct or by
 lewd and lascivious behavior;

3 Vagrants and tramps.

4 (23) To provide for the punishment of vagrants, tramps, 5 common street beggars, common prostitutes, habitual disturbers of 6 the peace, pickpockets, gamblers, burglars, thieves, or persons who 7 practice any game, trick, or device with intent to swindle, persons 8 who abuse their families, and suspicious persons who can give no 9 reasonable account of themselves; and to punish trespassers upon 10 private property;

11 Disorderly houses, gambling, offenses against public 12 morals.

13 (24) To prohibit, restrain, and suppress tippling shops, houses of prostitution, opium joints, gambling houses, prize 14 15 fighting, dog fighting, cock fighting, and other disorderly houses 16 and practices, all games and gambling and desecration of the Sabbath, commonly called Sunday, and all kinds of indecencies; to 17 18 regulate and license or prohibit the keeping and use of billiard 19 tables, ten pins or ball alleys, shooting galleries except as 20 provided in the Nebraska Shooting Range Protection Act, and other 21 similar places of amusement; and to prohibit and suppress all 22 lotteries and gift enterprises of all kinds under whatsoever name carried on, except that nothing in this subdivision shall be 23 construed to apply to bingo, lotteries, lotteries by the sale of 24 25 pickle cards, or raffles conducted in accordance with the Nebraska

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Bingo Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, the Nebraska Pickle
 Card Lottery Act, the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, or the
 State Lottery Act;

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Police regulation in general.

5 (25) To make and enforce all police regulations for the good government, general welfare, health, safety, and security 6 7 of the city and the citizens thereof in addition to the police 8 powers expressly granted herein; and in the exercise of the police 9 power, to pass all needful and proper ordinances and impose fines, 10 forfeitures, penalties, and imprisonment at hard labor for the 11 violation of any ordinance, and to provide for the recovery, 12 collection, and enforcement thereof; and in default of payment to 13 provide for confinement in the city or county prison, workhouse, 14 or other place of confinement with or without hard labor as may be 15 provided by ordinance;

16 Fast driving on streets.

17 (26) To prevent horseracing and immoderate driving or 18 riding on the street and to compel persons to fasten their horses 19 or other animals attached to vehicles while standing in the 20 streets;

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Libraries, art galleries, and museums.

(27) To establish and maintain public libraries, reading
rooms, art galleries, and museums and to provide the necessary
grounds or buildings therefor; to purchase books, papers, maps,
manuscripts, works of art, and objects of natural or of scientific

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1 curiosity, and instruction therefor; to receive donations and 2 bequests of money or property for the same in trust or otherwise 3 and to pass necessary bylaws and regulations for the protection and 4 government of the same;

5 Hospitals, workhouses, jails, firehouses, etc.; garbage
6 disposal.

7 To erect, designate, establish, maintain, (28) and 8 regulate hospitals or workhouses, houses of correction, jails, 9 station houses, fire engine houses, asphalt repair plants, and 10 other necessary buildings; and to erect, designate, establish, 11 maintain, and regulate plants for the removal, disposal, or 12 recycling of garbage and refuse or to make contracts for garbage 13 and refuse removal, disposal, or recycling, or all of the same, and 14 to charge equitable fees for such removal, disposal, or recycling, 15 or all of the same, except as hereinafter provided. The fees 16 collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be credited to a single fund to be used exclusively by the city for the removal, 17 18 disposal, or recycling of garbage and refuse, or all of the same, 19 including any costs incurred for collecting the fee. Before any contract for such removal, disposal, or recycling is let, the 20 21 city council shall make specifications therefor, bids shall be 22 advertised for as now provided by law, and the contract shall be 23 let to the lowest and best bidder, who shall furnish bond to the 24 city conditioned upon his or her carrying out the terms of the 25 contract, the bond to be approved by the city council. Nothing

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in this act, and no contract or regulation made by the city 1 2 council, shall be so construed as to prohibit any person, firm, 3 or corporation engaged in any business in which garbage or refuse accumulates as a byproduct from selling, recycling, or otherwise 4 5 disposing of his, her, or its garbage or refuse or hauling such 6 garbage or refuse through the streets and alleys under such uniform 7 and reasonable regulations as the city council may by ordinance 8 prescribe for the removal and hauling of garbage or refuse;

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Market places.

10 (29) To erect and establish market houses and market 11 places and to provide for the erection of all other useful and 12 necessary buildings for the use of the city and for the protection 13 and safety of all property owned by the city; and such market 14 houses and market places and buildings aforesaid may be located on 15 any street, alley, or public ground or on land purchased for such 16 purpose;

17 Cemeteries, registers of births and deaths.

18 (30) To prohibit the establishment of additional 19 cemeteries within the limits of the city, to regulate the 20 registration of births and deaths, to direct the keeping and 21 returning of bills of mortality, and to impose penalties on 22 physicians, sextons, and others for any default in the premises;

23 Plumbing, etc., inspection.

24 (31) To provide for the inspection of steam boilers,
25 electric light appliances, pipefittings, and plumbings, to regulate

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1 their erection and construction, to appoint inspectors, and to
2 declare their powers and duties, except as herein otherwise
3 provided;

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Fire limits and fire protection.

5 (32) To prescribe fire limits and regulate the erection of all buildings and other structures within the corporate limits; 6 7 to provide for the removal of any buildings or structures or 8 additions thereto erected contrary to such regulations, to provide 9 for the removal of dangerous buildings, and to provide that wooden 10 buildings shall not be erected or placed or repaired in the fire 11 limits; but such ordinance shall not be suspended or modified by 12 resolution nor shall exceptions be made by ordinance or resolution 13 in favor of any person, firm, or corporation or concerning any particular lot or building; to direct that all and any building 14 15 within such fire limits, when the same shall have been damaged by 16 fire, decay, or otherwise, to the extent of fifty percent of the 17 value of a similar new building above the foundation, shall be torn 18 down or removed; and to prescribe the manner of ascertaining such 19 damages and to assess the cost of removal of any building erected 20 or existing contrary to such regulations or provisions, against the 21 lot or real estate upon which such building or structure is located 22 or shall be erected, or to collect such costs from the owner of any such building or structure and enforce such collection by civil 23 24 action in any court of competent jurisdiction;

25 Building regulations.

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1 (33) To regulate the construction, use, and maintenance 2 of party walls, to prescribe and regulate the thickness, strength, 3 and manner of constructing stone, brick, wood, or other buildings and the size and shape of brick and other material placed therein, 4 5 to prescribe and regulate the construction and arrangement of fire 6 escapes and the placing of iron and metallic shutters and doors 7 therein and thereon, and to provide for the inspection of elevators 8 and hoist-way openings to avoid accidents; to prescribe, regulate, 9 and provide for the inspection of all plumbing, pipefitting, or 10 sewer connections in all houses or buildings now or hereafter 11 erected; to regulate the size, number, and manner of construction 12 of halls, doors, stairways, seats, aisles, and passageways of 13 theaters, tenement houses, audience rooms, and all buildings of 14 a public character, whether now built or hereafter to be built, 15 so that there may be convenient, safe, and speedy exit in case 16 of fire; to prevent the dangerous construction and condition of 17 chimneys, fireplaces, hearths, stoves, stovepipes, ovens, boilers, 18 and heating appliances used in or about any building or a manufactory and to cause the same to be removed or placed in 19 20 safe condition when they are considered dangerous; to regulate and 21 prevent the carrying on of manufactures dangerous in causing and 22 promoting fires; to prevent the deposit of ashes in unsafe places 23 and to cause such buildings and enclosures as may be in a dangerous 24 state to be put in a safe condition; to prevent the disposing of 25 and delivery or use in any building or other structure, of soft,

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shelly, or imperfectly burned brick or other unsuitable building 1 2 material within the city limits and provide for the inspection of 3 the same; to provide for the abatement of dense volumes of smoke; to regulate the construction of areaways, stairways, and vaults 4 5 and to regulate partition fences; to enforce proper heating and 6 ventilation of buildings used for schools, workhouses, or shops of 7 every class in which labor is employed or large numbers of persons 8 are liable to congregate;

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Warehouses and street railways.

10 (34) To regulate levees, depots and depot grounds, and 11 places for storing freight and goods and to provide for and 12 regulate the laying of tracks and the passage of steam or other 13 railways through the streets, alleys, and public grounds of the 14 city;

15 Lighting railroad property.

16 (35) To require the lighting of any railway within the city, the cars of which are propelled by steam, and to fix and 17 18 determine the number, size, and style of lampposts, burners, lamps, 19 and all other fixtures and apparatus necessary for such lighting 20 and the points of location for such lampposts; and in case any 21 company owning or operating such railways shall fail to comply with 22 such requirements, the council may cause the same to be done and 23 may assess the expense thereof against such company, and the same 24 shall constitute a lien upon any real estate belonging to such 25 company and lying within such city and may be collected in the same

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manner as taxes for general purposes; 1

2 City publicity.

3 (36) то provide for necessary publicity and to appropriate money for the purpose of advertising the resources and 4 5 advantages of the city;

6 Offstreet parking.

(37) To erect, establish, and maintain offstreet parking 7 8 areas on publicly owned property located beneath any elevated 9 segment of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways 10 or portion thereof, or public property title to which is in the 11 city on May 12, 1971, or property owned by the city and used in 12 conjunction with and incidental to city-operated facilities, and to 13 regulate parking thereon by time limitation devises or by lease; 14

Public passenger transportation systems.

15 (38) To acquire, by the exercise of the power of eminent 16 domain or otherwise, lease, purchase, construct, own, maintain, operate, or contract for the operation of public passenger 17 18 transportation systems, excluding taxicabs and railroad systems, 19 including all property and facilities required therefor, within and 20 without the limits of the city, to redeem such property from prior 21 encumbrance in order to protect or preserve the interest of the 22 city therein, to exercise all powers granted by the Constitution 23 of Nebraska and laws of the State of Nebraska or exercised by or pursuant to a home rule charter adopted pursuant thereto, including 24 25 but not limited to receiving and accepting from the government of

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the United States or any agency thereof, from the State of Nebraska 1 2 or any subdivision thereof, and from any person or corporation 3 donations, devises, gifts, bequests, loans, or grants for or in aid of the acquisition, operation, and maintenance of such public 4 5 passenger transportation systems and to administer, hold, use, and 6 apply the same for the purposes for which such donations, devises, 7 gifts, bequests, loans, or grants may have been made, to negotiate 8 with employees and enter into contracts of employment, to employ 9 by contract or otherwise individuals singularly or collectively, to 10 enter into agreements authorized under the Interlocal Cooperation 11 Act or the Joint Public Agency Act, to contract with an operating 12 and management company for the purpose of operating, servicing, and 13 maintaining any public passenger transportation systems any city 14 of the metropolitan class shall acquire under the provisions of 15 this act, and to exercise such other and further powers as may be 16 necessary, incident, or appropriate to the powers of such city; and 17 Regulation of air quality.

18 (39) In addition to powers conferred elsewhere in the laws of the state and notwithstanding any other law of the state, 19 20 to implement and enforce an air pollution control program within 21 the corporate limits of the city under subdivision (23) of section 22 81-1504 or subsection (1) of section 81-1528, which program shall be consistent with the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401 et 23 24 seq. Such powers shall include without limitation those involving 25 injunctive relief, civil penalties, criminal fines, and burden of

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proof. Nothing in this section shall preclude the control of air
 pollution by resolution, ordinance, or regulation not in actual
 conflict with the state air pollution control regulations.

Sec. 12. Section 15-258, Reissue Revised Statutes of
Nebraska, is amended to read:

6 15-258 A city of the primary class may restrain, 7 prohibit, and suppress unlicensed tippling shops, billiard tables, 8 bowling alleys, houses of prostitution, opium joints, dens, and 9 other disorderly houses and practices, games, gambling houses, 10 desecration of the Sabbath day, commonly called Sunday, and may 11 prohibit all public amusements, shows, exhibitions, or ordinary 12 business pursuits upon such day, all lotteries, all fraudulent 13 devices and practices for the purposes of obtaining money or 14 property, all shooting galleries except as provided in the Nebraska 15 Shooting Range Protection Act, and all kinds of public indecencies, 16 except that nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to 17 bingo, lotteries, lotteries by the sale of pickle cards, or raffles 18 conducted in accordance with the Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska 19 Lottery and Raffle Act, the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, the 20 Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, or the State Lottery Act.

Sec. 13. Section 16-226, Reissue Revised Statutes of
Nebraska, is amended to read:

23 16-226 A city of the first class by ordinance may
24 regulate, prohibit, and suppress unlicensed tippling shops,
25 billiard tables, and bowling alleys, may restrain houses of

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prostitution, opium joints, dens, and other disorderly houses and 1 2 practices, games, gambling houses, desecration of the Sabbath day, 3 commonly called Sunday, and may prohibit all public amusements, shows, exhibitions, or ordinary business pursuits upon such day, 4 5 all lotteries, all fraudulent devices and practices for the purpose 6 of obtaining money or property, all shooting galleries except as 7 provided in the Nebraska Shooting Range Protection Act, and all 8 kinds of public indecencies, except that nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to bingo, lotteries, lotteries by the 9 10 sale of pickle cards, or raffles conducted in accordance with 11 the Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, the 12 Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, the Nebraska Small Lottery and 13 Raffle Act, or the State Lottery Act.

Sec. 14. Original sections 15-258 and 16-226, Reissue
Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 14-102, Revised Statutes
Cumulative Supplement, 2008, are repealed.