

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 215**

Final Reading

Introduced by Schilz, 47.

Read first time January 15, 2013

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Visitors Development Act; to  
2 amend section 81-3717, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
3 Supplement, 2012; to change provisions relating to use of  
4 the County Visitors Improvement Fund; and to repeal the  
5 original section.

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

1           Section 1. Section 81-3717, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
2 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

3           81-3717 (1) The governing body of the county shall after  
4 a public hearing adopt a resolution establishing a County Visitors  
5 Promotion Fund and a visitors committee which shall serve as an  
6 advisory committee to the governing body in administering the  
7 proceeds from the taxes provided to the county by the Nebraska  
8 Visitors Development Act. The governing body of a county may also  
9 after a public hearing adopt a resolution establishing a County  
10 Visitors Improvement Fund. The proceeds of the County Visitors  
11 Promotion Fund shall be used generally to promote, encourage, and  
12 attract visitors to come to the county and use the travel and tourism  
13 facilities within the county. The proceeds of the County Visitors  
14 Improvement Fund shall be used to improve the visitor attractions and  
15 facilities in the county, except that no proceeds shall be used to  
16 improve a facility in which parimutuel wagering is conducted. If the  
17 visitors committee determines that the visitor attractions in the  
18 county are adequate and do not require improvement, the governing  
19 body of the county, with the advice of the committee, may only use  
20 the County Visitors Improvement Fund to promote, encourage, and  
21 attract visitors to the county to use the county's travel and tourism  
22 facilities or, with the advice of the visitors committee, make grants  
23 to organizations to promote, encourage, and attract visitors to the  
24 county to use the county's travel and tourism facilities, except that  
25 no proceeds shall be granted to an organization to promote parimutuel

1 wagering. The committee shall consist of five or seven members  
2 appointed by the governing body of the county. If the committee has  
3 five members, at least one but no more than two members of the  
4 committee shall be in the hotel industry. If the committee has seven  
5 members, at least two but no more than three members of the committee  
6 shall be in the hotel industry.

7           (2) The members of the committee shall serve without  
8 compensation, except for reimbursement for necessary expenses.  
9 Committee members shall serve for terms of four years, except that at  
10 least half of those appointed shall be appointed for initial terms of  
11 two years. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the  
12 initial appointments. The committee shall elect a chairperson and  
13 vice-chairperson from among its members to serve for terms of two  
14 years.

15           Sec. 2. Original section 81-3717, Revised Statutes  
16 Cumulative Supplement, 2012, is repealed.