

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB947

Chairperson: Senator Les Seiler

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 11, 2016

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

The intent of LB 947 is to declare that a person who is work authorized is eligible to obtain a professional or commercial license in order to practice his or her profession. For the purposes of obtaining a license, section 202(c)(2)(B)(i) through (ix) of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005, Public Law 109-13 enumerates the categories of work authorized individuals who may demonstrate lawful presence under Neb. Rev. Stat. 4-108 for the purposes of obtaining a professional or commercial license. The categories of eligible individuals exactly mirrors the population that were granted eligibility to secure a motor vehicle operator's license or state identification card in 2015 through LB 623.

LB 947 finds that it is in the best interest of the State of Nebraska to make full use of the skills and talents of work-authorized individuals in the state.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Heath Mello