Hearing Date: Tuesday January 22, 2019  
Committee On: Banking, Commerce and Insurance  
Introducer: Blood  
One Liner: Provide a license fee exemption for servicemembers and their spouses under the Nebraska Real Estate License Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:
Aye: 8 Senators Gragert, Howard, Kolterman, La Grone, Lindstrom, McCollister, Quick, Williams
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:
Proponents:  
Martin Dempsy  
Nicole Fox  
Kim Zwiener
Representing:
Department of Defense  
Platte Institute  
Nebraska Realtors

Opponents:  
Representing:
Neutral:  
Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:
This bill would amend sections 81-885.14 and 81-885.17 of the Nebraska Real Estate License Act to provide an exemption from the broker's or salesperson's license fee in the case of an applicant who is an active duty member of the United States armed forces or the spouse of such servicemember, if such servicemember is assigned to a permanent duty station in Nebraska and the applicant is already licensed in another jurisdiction or was previously licensed in Nebraska within three years prior to becoming a resident of Nebraska after such duty assignment.

Section 81-885.14 provides that the broker's license fee shall not exceed $250 and the salesperson's license fee shall not exceed $200. Those fees, as established by the State Real Estate Commission, are $100 and $80, respectively, for original licenses, and $200 and $160, respectively, for two-year renewal licenses.

The bill carries the emergency clause.