

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB144

Hearing Date: Monday March 06, 2023
Committee On: General Affairs
Introducer: Brandt
One Liner: Change and eliminate certain classes of licenses under the State Electrical Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Brewer, Cavanaugh, J., Day, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Lowe
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Raybould
Present Not Voting:		

Testimony:

Proponents:

Tom Brandt
Craig Thelen
Jon Nebel

Representing:

Introducer
Director Nebraska Electrical Division
Nebraska State Council of Electrical Workers

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Bill Summary: LB 144 proposes several updates to the State Electrical Act. It removes references to a Class B master electrician license as this is not a category of license used by the State Electrical Board. The bill also removes all references for Installer for the same reason. Additional language is stricken to reflect current practices of the board that need to be updated in statute, in areas including continuing education requirements, standards for applicants for contractor licenses, and training provided by the State Electrical Division. New language in the bill increases the late fee for filing a late request for inspection from fifty dollars to two hundred fifty dollars. Finally, telegraph systems are stricken from the act as they are no longer in use and therefore not in need of inspection by the board.

Background & Legislative History: Senator Brandt brought LB 866 in 2022 that sought to increase the late fee for filing a late request for inspection from fifty dollars to two hundred fifty dollars, which is included in section 12 of this bill.

Explanation of amendments:

AM229 amends section 1 of the bill by removing solar installation from the definition of special electrician.

John Lowe, Chairperson