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Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson;
Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3;
Sorrentino, 39.

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Housing Agency Act; to amend
- 2 section 71-1572, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to
- 3 provide duties for certain housing agencies relating to bed bugs; to
- 4 harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** Section 71-1572, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2024, is amended to read:

3 71-1572 Sections 71-1572 to 71-15,170 and section 2 of this act
4 shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Housing Agency Act.

5 **Sec. 2.** (1) For purposes of this section:

6 (a) Bed bug means a member of the Cimicidae family of parasitic
7 insects; and

8 (b) Pest control professional means a person licensed as a
9 commercial applicator under the Pesticide Act.

10 (2) A housing agency for a city of the metropolitan class shall have
11 the following responsibilities relating to bed bugs:

12 (a) Prior to renting a dwelling unit, the housing agency shall
13 visually inspect the unit for any evidence of the presence of bed bugs,
14 which may be indicated by observation of a living bed bug, bed bug
15 carapace, eggs or egg casings, or brownish or blood spotting on linens,
16 mattresses, or furniture;

17 (b) The housing agency shall not show, rent, or lease to a
18 prospective tenant any vacant dwelling unit that the housing agency knows
19 or reasonably suspects has a current bed bug infestation;

20 (c) Prior to renting a dwelling unit, the housing agency shall
21 disclose to a prospective tenant if an adjacent unit or units are
22 currently infested with or are being treated for bed bugs;

23 (d) Upon notification by a person who finds or reasonably suspects a
24 bed bug infestation in a dwelling unit or common area of the premises,
25 the housing agency shall:

26 (i) Acknowledge the complaint within five days after notification of
27 the suspected infestation;

28 (ii) Inspect or obtain investigatory services from a pest control
29 professional within five days after notification;

30 (iii) Upon a determination of an infestation and within fourteen
31 days after notification, obtain and provide remedial services from a pest

1 control professional;

2 (iv) Inspect or obtain investigatory services of a pest control
3 professional in connection with any unit directly adjacent to, above, or
4 below the dwelling unit or common area from which the original report
5 came within five days after notification;

6 (v) Provide tenants with reasonable notice in advance of entering a
7 dwelling unit for purposes of inspection, bed bug remediation, or
8 monitoring in connection with a bed bug complaint;

9 (vi) Provide all tenants of units affected by a bed bug complaint
10 with notice of the pest control professional's determination in
11 connection with such unit within five days after receipt of information
12 from the pest control professional; and

13 (vii) Maintain a written record of all complaints and control
14 measures provided, including reports of chemicals applied and other
15 remedies provided by the pest control professional. Such records shall be
16 maintained for two years; and

17 (e) The housing agency shall be responsible for the costs of
18 investigating and remediating any bed bug infestation.

19 **Sec. 3.** Original section 71-1572, Revised Statutes Cumulative
20 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.