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Committee: Agriculture

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to grain warehouses; to amend section 88-541, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to storage rates and charges; and to repeal the original section.

4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,
Section 1. Section 88-541, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

88-541 (1) A warehouse licensee shall post a schedule of rates and charges in a conspicuous place at the warehouse licensee's warehouse, and such rates and charges shall be full compensation for receiving, handling, storing, delivering, and insuring grain. The warehouse licensee may increase or decrease such rates and charges by (a) sending notice to the commission and to all grain owners of record not less than thirty days prior to such change of rates and charges and (b) posting notice of such change of rates and charges in a conspicuous place at the warehouse licensee's warehouse. The new rates and charges shall be charged on all grain in storage at the time of, and all grain received for storage after, the effective date of the change of rates and charges. Not less than once each year, the commission shall by order fix reasonable storage rates, and no warehouse licensee shall charge a lesser or greater rate, except upon application to and a hearing before the commission. If, after a hearing, the commission finds that a lesser or greater rate should be ordered, it shall enter a supplemental order fixing a different rate for such applicant. Such charges shall be full compensation for the receiving, handling, storing, delivering, and insuring of grain.

(2) No discrimination shall be made between different customers by any state-licensed grain warehouse either in facilities, rates, charges, or handling of any grain, except that members of a cooperative may be given preference in storage facilities in warehouses of the cooperative. The rates charged to any governmental agency shall be exempt from commission regulation.

Sec. 2. Original section 88-541, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.