## Unicameral Bill / Constitutional Amendment

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| LB28 – Adopt the Radon Resistant New Construction Act | Feb 3 Krist AM1986 filed  
Dec 21 Title printed, Carryover bill  
May 26 Crawford AM1741 filed  
Mar 11 HHS AM708 filed  
Mar 11 Placed on General File with AM708  
Feb 18 Krist AM368 filed  
Feb 10 Notice of hearing for February 27, 2015  
Jan 12 Referred to HHS Committee  
Jan 08 Date of introduction |

LB28 mandates that the DHHS create rules and regulations to regulate radon resistant residential new construction. [Editor’s Note: Creates a licensed “Radon Mitigation Specialist” as well as a “Radon Resistant New Construction Task Force” – Our CIH brethren should take note to ensure their designation is protected – there is no mention of a CIH in this bill. AM1741 brings in the Urban Affairs Committee as part of this – why??? Idk. HHS is still the main department handling this. Amendments have pushed the date back on the implementation of this. Task Force to be finished with is work by 2017 for the Unicameral to take up any legislation in 2018.]

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| LB31 – Eliminate motorcycle and moped helmet requirements | Dec 21 Title printed, Carryover bill  
Mar 23 Bloomfield MO56 failed  
Mar 23 Bloomfield MO56 Invoke cloture filed  
Mar 23 Hilkemann AM942 pending  
Mar 23 Hilkemann AM942 pending  
Mar 23 Hilkemann AM939 withdrawn  
Mar 20 Hilkemann AM942 filed  
Mar 20 Schumacher AM973 filed  
Mar 20 Gloor AM954 filed  
Mar 20 Chambers MO55 failed  
Mar 20 Chambers MO55 Invoke cloture filed  
Mar 20 Hilkemann AM939 pending  
Mar 20 Hilkemann AM939 pending  
Mar 20 Baker AM870 lost  
Mar 20 Baker AM870 pending  
Mar 20 Baker AM870 filed  
Mar 20 Trans and Tele AM359 pending  
Mar 19 Hilkemann MO53 failed  
Mar 19 Hilkemann MO53 Invoke cloture filed  
Mar 19 Transportation and Tele AM359 pending  
Mar 09 Transportation and Tele AM359 pending  
Mar 09 Placed on General File with AM359  
Feb 24 Bloomfield priority bill  
Jan 29 Notice of hearing for February 09  
Jan 28 Schilz name added  
Jan 28 Murante name added  
Jan 28 Larson name added  
Jan 28 Coash name added  
Jan 27 Hughes name added  
Jan 26 Schumacher name added  
Jan 26 Morfeld name added  
Jan 26 McCoy name added  
Jan 26 Krist name added  
Jan 26 Davis name added  
Jan 26 Schnoor name added  
Jan 26 Kintner name added  
Jan 26 Groene name added  
Jan 26 Ebke name added  
Jan 12 Referred to Trans and Tele Committee  
Jan 08 Date of introduction |

LB31 would repeal the motorcycle helmet requirement and provides operators with the choice. Committee decided on the following: Currently the section requires that no person shall operate or be a passenger upon a motorcycle of moped unless such person is wearing an approved protective helmet. The section is amended to provide that any person at least 21 years of age or older shall be exempt from the requirement to wear a protective helmet. Additionally, the amendment provides that any person operating a motorcycle or moped shall wear eye protection. "Eye protection" is defined by the committee amendment as glasses that cover the orbital region of the face, a protective face shield attached to a helmet, goggles, or a windshield attached to the motorcycle or moped.

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<td>LB133</td>
<td>Change interest rate provisions on certain Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court awards.</td>
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<td>LB134</td>
<td>Change provisions relating to first injury reports under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act.</td>
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<td>LB158</td>
<td>Deny compensation under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act in situations of false representation.</td>
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<td>LB174</td>
<td>Redefine nonpoint source control systems under the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Construction Assistance Act.</td>
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<td>LB181</td>
<td>Change rotating and flashing light provisions for motor vehicles.</td>
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<td>LB270</td>
<td>Create and eliminate funds administered by the Department of Labor. LB270 seeks to combine three separate cash funds for three programs administered by the Department of Labor into one cash fund. The Farm Contractor Registration Act was passed in 1987 (LB 344), the Contractor Registration Program was passed in 1994 (LB 248) and the Professional Employer Organization Act was passed in 2010 (LB 563). Currently, each program has its own cash fund. The programs are all administered by approximately six staff of the Department of Labor. The intent is to combine the three cash funds, so staff is not required to separately administer three separate cash funds.</td>
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<td>LB276</td>
<td>Exempt certified independent contractors from the Nebraska Workers’ Compensation Act. The purpose of Legislative Bill 276 is to establish a process for an individual to apply to the Department of Labor in order to become a certified independent contractor. If an individual becomes a certified independent contractor they would be exempt from all requirements to be covered under a policy of workers' compensation insurance pursuant to the Nebraska Workers’ Compensation Act and would be precluded from obtaining any benefits under the act. The costs of the program would be covered by the fees charged to the individuals. LB276 also establishes that an individual would be guilty of a Class II misdemeanor if they provide false information during the application process. [Editor’s note: This will be interesting. Right now, if a contractor/sub-contractor does not have Work Comp, they can go onto the Work Comp of the company that contracted them and the company didn’t know (which is why insurance companies insist that you get a Certificate of Insurance from all vendors)].</td>
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<td>LB306</td>
<td>Change the Conveyance Safety Act Currently, licensed elevator mechanics are required to make the construction, operation, inspection, testing, maintenance and repair of conveyances in Douglas, Lancaster and Sarpy Counties. LB 306 would make the same requirement consistent for the all of Nebraska. Licensed elevator mechanics are not required for repair in dwellings, but inspections are required upon installations and transfers of property. The Conveyance Safety Act does not apply to conveyances that are used for agricultural purposes.</td>
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<td>LB313</td>
<td>Update certain references to federal regulations regarding motor vehicles and motor carriers</td>
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| LB328      | Change provisions of the Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Contractors Certification and System Registration Act. | Feb 19 Placed on Final Reading  
Feb 17 Advanced to E&R for Engrossment  
Feb 5 Placed on Select File  
Feb 4 Advanced to E&R initial  
Feb 4 Chambers MO173 withdrawn  
Feb 4 Chambers MO173 to indefinitely postpone filed  
Feb 4 Chambers MO172 withdrawn  
Feb 4 Chambers MO172 Recommit to Natural Resources Committee filed  
Feb 4 Chambers FA84 withdrawn  
Feb 4 Chambers FA84 filed  
Feb 4 Chambers MO171 withdrawn  
Feb 4 Chambers MO171 to bracket until Apr 20 filed  
Dec 21 Title printed, Carryover bill  
Mar 04 Placed on General File  
Jan 27 Notice of hearing for 02/04/2015  
Jan 16 Referred to Natural Resources Committee  
Jan 15 Date of introduction |
| LB363      | Provide time limits and penalties for late medical payments under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act. | Dec 21 Title printed, Carryover bill  
Feb 02 Notice of hearing for March 02, 2015  
Jan 16 Referred to Business and Labor Committee  
Jan 15 Date of introduction |
| LB373      | Change provisions regarding school bus safety.                             | Dec 21 Title printed, Carryover bill  
Feb 24 Kolterman name added  
Jan 29 Notice of hearing for Feb 23, 2015  
Jan 16 Referred to Trans & Tele Committee  
Jan 15 Date of introduction |
| LB388      | Provide annual adjustments for total disability income benefits under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act. | Dec 21 Title printed, Carryover bill  
Feb 02 Notice of hearing for March 02, 2015  
Jan 16 Referred to Business and Labor Committee  
Jan 15 Date of introduction |
| LB480      | Change provisions relating to computing compensation under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act. | Approved by Governor on May 27, 2015 |

**Editor's note:** This has been tried before. One has to be careful about seat belts in school buses – they can become weapons.
### LB493 - Adopt the Healthy and Safe Families and Workplaces Act
- **The intent of LB 493 is to require businesses to provide employees a minimum of one hour of paid sick and safe time for every 30 hours worked, up to 40 hours per year.**
- **[Editor’s note: highly doubtful this will pass.]**
- **Dec 21 Title printed, Carryover bill**
- **Feb 02 Notice of hearing for Feb 09, 2015**
- **Jan 22 Referred to Business and Labor Committee**
- **Jan 20 Date of introduction**

### LB517 - Prohibit certain uses of interactive wireless communication devices while driving
- LB 517 states no person shall operate a motor vehicle on a highway while holding an interactive wireless communication device in order to talk, listen, view, record, or transmit images or text, play games, or otherwise access any data.
- LB 517 does not apply to emergency situations, persons acting within the performance of their official duties, including: law enforcement, member of a fire department, or the operator of an emergency vehicle, or a person in a motor vehicle which is stopped on the side of or off of a highway.
- A violation of LB 517 will result in 3 point infraction.
- **Dec 21 Title printed, Carryover bill**
- **Jan 29 Notice of hearing for Feb 23, 2015**
- **Jan 23 Referred to Trans & Tele Committee**
- **Jan 21 Date of introduction**

### LB540 - Adopt updated international building code standards
- **Approved by Governor on May 29, 2015**

### LB556 - Waive workers' compensation as the exclusive remedy if an employer is willfully negligent
- LB556 would, at the option of the employee, make the exclusive remedy protection for the employer inapplicable in cases where the Nebraska Workers’ Compensation Court has made a determination that the injury is due to the willful negligence of the employer.
- **Dec 21 Title printed, Carryover bill**
- **Feb 02 Notice of hearing for Feb 23, 2015**
- **Jan 23 Referred to Business and Labor Committee**
- **Jan 21 Date of introduction**

### LB597 - Adopt the Contract Carrier Safety Act
- LB597 adopts the Contract Carrier Safety Act, which is intended to set minimum standards for railroad contract carrier regulation and safety. LB597 requires a contract carrier transporting railroad employees to maintain uninsured and under-insured motorist coverage of $500,000 for each passenger in each vehicle. LB597 also requires a contract carrier to maintain an insurance policy of $500,000 per person for bodily injury or death, up to a maximum of $5 million for each vehicle.
- The Public Service Commission will enforce the Contract Carrier Safety Act, and any violation of the Act will be subject to a civil penalty of up to $2,000 for each violation.
- **Dec 21 Title printed, Carryover bill**
- **Jan 29 Notice of hearing for Feb 09, 2015**
- **Jan 23 Referred to Trans & Tele Committee**
- **Jan 21 Date of introduction**
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| LB611       | **Require private employers to use the E-Verify Program.** Legislative Bill 611 would amend Section 4-114 to extend the current Nebraska requirement for public employers and contractors to use the federal E-Verify program, which is used to confirm the citizenship or immigration status of employees, to also require private employers to use the federal E-Verify program to confirm such legal status of their employees, beginning January 1, 2016. | Dec 21 Title printed, Carryover bill  
Jan 26 Notice of hearing for Feb 02, 2015  
Jan 23 Referred to Business and Labor Committee  
Jan 21 Date of introduction |
| LB743       | **Clarify compensation for shoulder injuries under the Nebraska Workers’ Compensation Act.** Loss or loss of use of an arm does not include injuries to the shoulder regardless of the location of residual impairment, and therefore injuries to the shoulder shall be compensated pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section.  
[Editor’s Note: Shoulder injuries will be compensated at 2/3 AWW for 300 weeks] | Jan 27 Notice of hearing for February 08, 2016  
Jan 07 Referred to Bus and Labor Committee  
Jan 06 Date of introduction |
| LB887       | **Extend sunset of the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Cash Fund.** LB 887 would extend the date for eligible reimbursement claims under the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Act from June 30, 2016 to June 30, 2020. The Petroleum Release Remedial Action Reimbursement Fund was established to help pay remediation costs of owners and operators of facilities that have leaking petroleum tanks. | Feb 18 Placed on General File  
Jan 26 Notice of hearing (Feb 05)  
Jan 12 Referred to Natural Resources Committee  
Jan 11 Date of introduction |
| LB1005      | **Provide for an evidence-based drug formulary under the Nebraska Workers’ Compensation Act.** To provide for an evidence-based drug formulary adopted by the Nebraska Workers’ Compensation Court and includes prescription drugs listed in Schedules II, III, IV and V. If a drug prescribed by the doctor is not on the formulary, pre-authorization is required from the WC insurer, pool, or self-insurer. | Jan 27 Notice of hearing for February 08, 2016  
Jan 20 Referred to Business and Labor Comm  
Jan 15 Date of Introduction |
| LB1101      | **Require the Department of Environmental Quality to examine the status of solid waste management programs.** To require a study to examine the status of solid waste management programs; to create an advisory committee; to require reports; to provide for costs; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections. | Feb 21 Placed on General File  
Feb 01 Notice of hearing for February 11, 2016  
Jan 22 Referred to Natural Resources Committee  
Jan 20 Date of introduction |