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LB39	(Hilkemann) Change provisions relating to occupant protection system enforcement and change certain violations from secondary to primary enforcement <i>Makes seat belt violations a primary offense and expands the requirement to wear seatbelts from front-seat occupants to all vehicle occupants.</i>	Monitor	Transportation and Telecommunications	03/04/2019	In Committee 01/14/2019
LB40	(Hilkemann) Change provisions related to provisional operator's permits, LPD and LPE learner's permits, and interactive wireless communication devices <i>Under current law, holders of LPD and LPE learner's permits and school permits shall not use cell phones at all while driving. Regular permit holders shall not text while driving. Eliminates language making these secondary offenses only.</i>	Monitor	Transportation and Telecommunications	03/04/2019	In Committee 01/14/2019
LB247	(Bolz) Adopt the Advance Mental Health Care Directives Act <i>Provides for binding advance mental healthcare directives to set forth instructions for mental health care and consent to various treatments. Requires directives be in writing, signed by principal or representative, state whether it is revocable during incapacity, and have witnesses. Provides for special requirements for directives that are irrevocable. Sets out requirements for agents and for the revoking of directives by the principal.</i>	Monitor	Judiciary	02/01/2019	In Committee 01/16/2019
LB273	(Hansen, M.) Provide a restricted funds budget limitation as prescribed for certain political subdivisions <i>Adds restricted funds budgeted for law enforcement, fire protection, or emergency services to the list of those exempt from the requirement that no governmental body can adopt a budget with restricted funds more than the last prior year's budgeted restricted funds plus allowable growth.</i>	Monitor	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/21/2019	In Committee 01/17/2019
LB336	(Hansen, M.) Change the vote required to exceed certain budget limitations <i>Requires a majority vote (rather than 75% vote) of the governing body to go over the allowable growth of restricted funds.</i>	Monitor	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/07/2019	In Committee 01/18/2019
LB363	(Hansen, M.) Adopt the In the Line of Duty Compensation Act <i>If a law enforcement officer or firefighter is killed in the line of duty, \$50,000 (adjusted for inflation) compensation shall be paid to survivors as designated by the decedent or as specified in the act. Firefighter means a member of a paid or volunteer fire department in Nebraska, including a member of a rescue squad associated with a paid or volunteer fire department in Nebraska, and a member of an emergency medical services ambulance squad.</i>	Monitor	Business and Labor	03/18/2019	In Committee 01/18/2019
LB365	(Crawford) Adopt the Health Care Directives Registry Act <i>An adult who has executed a written advance health care directive may register such document with the registry, and access to the registry is allowed when there is a lawful order of a court of competent jurisdiction, requested by the registrant or the registrant's legal representative, requested by the Public Guardian, requested by an emergency service agency for the purpose of providing or assisting with the provision of medical care to the registrant, or requested by a health care provider only for the purpose of providing health care to the registrant.</i>	Support	Judiciary	02/27/2019	In Committee 01/18/2019



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LB378	(Hansen, B.) Change helmet provisions for autocycles, motorcycles, and mopeds <i>Makes persons above the age of 21 exempt from having to wear a helmet on a motorcycle. Requires all motorcycle operators to wear eye protection.</i> <i>Proposed AM1659 (Hilkemann): Replaces the original sections with sections that require hearing protection for motorcycle drivers and passengers in addition to the eye protection required in the original bill and retains the helmet requirement. (Filibuster Amendment)</i> <i>Proposed AM1662 (Hilkemann): Adds a section providing that persons under 16 shall not be a passenger on a motorcycle or moped on any highway in the state. (Filibuster Amendment)</i> <i>Proposed AM1663 (Hilkemann): Strikes the original sections and replaces them with new section that requires eye protection (and keeps the current helmet requirement). (Filibuster Amendment)</i> <i>Proposed AM1664 (Hilkemann): Adjusts the motorcycle registration fee from \$600 to \$100. (Filibuster Amendment)</i> <i>Proposed AM1665 (Hilkemann): Adds a section which requires that holders of class M licenses over 16 years old be organ and tissue donors absent a medical or religious exemption (Filibuster Amendment)</i>	Oppose	Transportation and Telecommunications	02/12/2019	General File 05/01/2019
LB484	(Lowe) Change provisions relating to assault on certain employees and officers <i>Defines the term "public safety officer" to include peace officer, probation officer, firefighter, out-of-hospital emergency care provider, a DHHS employee working at a youth rehabilitation and treatment center, or a DHHS employee if the person committing the offense is committed as a dangerous offender under the Sex Offender Commitment Act. Amends the penalty enhancer for crimes against a pregnant woman to include assault on a public safety officer. Amends assault offenses related to offenses assault on a public safety officer or a health care professional, establishing that such offenses apply when assault occurs while the public safety officer is engaged in official duties or while the health care professional is on duty at a hospital or health clinic.</i>	Monitor	Judiciary	03/15/2019	In Committee 01/24/2019
LB620	(Kolowski) Provide for enforcement of handheld wireless communication devices as a primary action <i>Provides for enforcement of the prohibition on use of handheld wireless communication devices while operating a motor vehicle as a primary action (eliminates provision classifying it as a secondary action).</i>	Monitor	Transportation and Telecommunications	03/04/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019
LB634	(Hilkemann) Require three-point safety belt systems for school vehicles as prescribed <i>Requires that any vehicle used by or on behalf of a school district or educational service unit must be equipped with three-point safety belt systems. Exemptions to this requirement in LB634 include if such vehicle was purchased before the effective date of this act; if such vehicle is used by or on behalf of a school district or educational service unit for transporting students pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the effective date of the act that is not modified on or after the act's effective date; or before purchasing or contracting such a vehicle, a majority of the school board or board of the educational service unit votes that there is not capacity in the school district budget to accommodate purchasing a vehicle meeting this act's requirements.</i>	Monitor	Transportation and Telecommunications	03/04/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019



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LB643	(McDonnell) Change death and disability-related prima facie evidence provisions relating to emergency responders <i>Adds breast cancer and ovarian cancer to the list of cancers which serve as prima facie evidence that death or disability resulted from injuries, accident, or other cause while in the line of duty, for the purposes of this section.</i>	Monitor	Judiciary	03/14/2019	Select File 01/31/2020
LB645	(McDonnell) Change provisions of the Medical Assistance Act <i>Provides for fee-for-service medicaid reimbursement for ground emergency medical transport services; specifies that such services are not to be paid under a managed care program.</i>	Monitor	Health and Human Services	03/28/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019
LB666	(Dorn) Change Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund provisions and provide for a transfer to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for a program to train first responders and emergency medical technicians in rural areas <i>Requires the transfer of \$200,000 in each of fiscal years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for the University of Nebraska Medical Center. States intent that the funds be used for Simulation in Motion program to train first responders and emergency medical technicians in rural areas.</i>	Support	Appropriations	03/12/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019
LB701	(Bostelman) Require billing for emergency medical services <i>An emergency medical service shall transmit a request for payment to a recipient of services involving transportation of the recipient to a health care facility licensed under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act or to his or her parent or legal guardian if the recipient is a minor or under guardianship.</i>	Support	Health and Human Services	03/20/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019
LB710	(Cavanaugh) Change provisions relating to tobacco including sales, crimes, a tax increase, and distribution of funds <i>Raises the cigarette tax from 64 cents to \$2.14 per package and specifies distribution for various programs, including 25% for Medicaid expansion. Creates the Behavioral Health Provider Rate Stabilization Fund to support reimbursement of behavioral health services providers through provider rates within, but not limited to, the Children's Health Insurance Program, the Medical Assistance Act, the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act, and the Nebraska Community Aging Services Act. Changes language listing various tobacco products with the term "tobacco products," grouping all of these products together, including in criminal offense statutes. Expands the definition of tobacco product to include any product that is made from or derived from tobacco, or that contains nicotine, that is intended for human consumption or is likely to be consumed. Changes tax on snuff from 44 cents per ounce to 65% of the purchase price or price at which the maker sells the product to others.</i>	Monitor	Revenue	02/28/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019
LB752	(Blood) Provide duties and programs relating to veterans		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs		In Committee 01/10/2020



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	<i>Requires a review of licensing requirements to determine necessary and appropriate steps that may be taken to increase acceptance of military training and experience toward fulfilling licensure requirements and to submit a report to the Legislature on such findings. Includes Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, out-of-hospital emergency care providers, PAs, and nurses. Requires the Labor Department veterans' program coordinator to collaborate with DED to conduct an annual review of job training and placement programs for veterans. Requires the Labor Department to generate monthly electronic reports of workforce need projections by industry, job type, geography, and needed credentials and to include a mapping of which jobs would leverage veterans' skills. Requires the DMV to increase the number of servicemembers and veterans who take advantage of the CDL driving skills exam exemption. Requires DHHS to compile a report on suicides by servicemembers and veterans. Requires the Veterans' Affairs Department to study the development of a veteran health care navigator program to increase health care access and to study the development of a program to reduce barriers to access to mental health services. Requires an analysis of the impact of Medicaid expansion on veterans and their families. Requires the Department of Veterans' Affairs to develop a continuing education course for mental health providers to obtain expertise in veteran suicide prevention and to undertake a study to end veteran homelessness. Requires DHHS and the Veterans' Affairs Department to identify state and local agencies that could better serve veterans. Requires DED to conduct an analysis of existing economic development programs to determine ways to increase support for veteran-owned small businesses.</i>				
LB761	(Dorn) Change motor vehicle registration fees and provide funding for the simulation in motion program		Transportation and Telecommunications	01/27/2020	In Committee 01/10/2020
	<i>Establishes the University of Nebraska Medical Center Simulation in Motion-Nebraska Fund to carry out the SIM program. Authorizes the collection of 50 cents for each motor vehicle registration to be remitted to the fund. Any money in the fund not used to defray the annual operating expenses of the SIM program shall be used to establish a subaccount to fund expenses related to the depreciation of the equipment used in the program.</i>				
LB843	(Cavanaugh) Provide for Donate Life license plates		Transportation and Telecommunications	02/10/2020	In Committee 01/10/2020
	<i>Requires DMV to design Donate Life Plates to support organ and tissue donation, registration as a donor on the Donor Registry of Nebraska, and the federally designated organ procurement organization for Nebraska. Provides that in addition to all other fees required for registration, each application for initial issuance or renewal of alphanumeric Donate Life Plates shall be accompanied by a fee of \$5 and to be credited to the Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness and Education Fund. Provides that in addition to all other fees required for registration, each application for initial issuance or renewal of personalized message Donate Life Plates shall be accompanied by a fee of \$40 with a credit of 25% the fee for initial issuance and renewal of such plates to DMV Cash Fund and 75% percent of the fee to the Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness and Education Fund.</i>				
LB893	(Bostelman) Change provisions relating to emergency care providers and provide for community paramedicine and critical care paramedics		Health and Human Services		In Committee 01/13/2020



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	<i>Defines "emergency care provider" to include emergency medical responders, emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians, community paramedics, critical care paramedics, and other paramedics licensed and classified under the EMS Practice Act. Strikes references to "out-of-hospital" emergency care providers. Defines "community paramedicine practice of emergency medical care" and "critical care paramedic practice of emergency medical care." Requires the EMS Board to establish criteria for community paramedicine and critical care paramedics. Changes reference to performance of activities within scope of practice and "as determined by a licensed health care practitioner," requiring physician medical directors to supervise emergency care providers for an emergency medical service; a physician, PA, or APRN to supervise in a setting other than an incident to which an emergency medical service has been called, and a nurse to direct in a setting other than an emergency medical setting.</i>				
LB903	(Kolowski) Provide for Down Syndrome Awareness license plates <i>Creates and provides Down Syndrome Awareness license plates – no special fees are directed with the application for these plates.</i>		Transportation and Telecommunications	02/10/2020	In Committee 01/13/2020
LB921	(Hilkemann) Provide for The Good Life Is Outside Plates <i>Provides that in addition to all other fees required, each application for alphanumeric plates shall be accompanied by a fee of \$5 and to be credited to the Game and Parks State Park Improvement and Maintenance Fund for the purpose of trail improvement and maintenance. Provides that in addition to all other fees required for registration, each application for personalized plates shall be accompanied by a fee of \$40 with a credit of 25% the fee for initial issuance and renewal of such plates to DMV Cash Fund and 75% percent of the fee to the Game and Parks Fund.</i>		Transportation and Telecommunications	02/10/2020	In Committee 01/13/2020
LB942	(Hunt) Provide for Support the Arts license plates <i>Each application for initial issuance or renewal of Support the Arts Plates also requires a fee of five dollars to the Support the Arts Cash Fund.</i>		Transportation and Telecommunications	02/10/2020	In Committee 01/14/2020
LB963	(Brewer) Change provisions relating to workers' compensation for injuries to first responders and frontline state employees <i>Allows a first responder to establish prima facie evidence of a personal injury that is a mental injury or mental illness. DHHS shall reimburse a first responder for the cost of annual resilience training not reimbursed by the first responder's employer. Puts the Critical Incident Stress Management team in charge of developing guidelines for resilience training for first responders, setting reimbursement rates for resilience training, and setting an annual limit on the hours or quantity of resilience training for which reimbursement is required.</i>		Business and Labor	01/27/2020	In Committee 01/14/2020
LB980	(Brandt) Change provisions of the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act <i>Extends the validity of a special permit from three calendar months to one year (special permit allows persons younger than 18 to take part in licensed lotteries and raffles and allows different distribution of gross proceeds of the lotteries and raffles). The taxes paid under the Lottery and Raffle Act need only be submitted once a year (on Sept. 30) rather than quarterly. Raffle and lottery tickets or stubs may be sold online by the licensed organization on its web site and may be purchased using a credit card or debit card online or at events.</i>		General Affairs	01/27/2020	In Committee 01/15/2020



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LB988	(Hilgers) Provide restrictions on business entity ownership with respect to certain professional services <i>A business entity formed for the purpose of rendering professional service, the performance of which is subject to credentialing under the Uniform Credentialing Act, may have owners who are persons not credentialed in a professional service regulated under the Uniform Credentialing Act or persons who are credentialed in a professional service regulated under the Uniform Credentialing Act other than the professional service for which the business entity was formed. Such owners shall not, in the aggregate, directly or beneficially, comprise a majority of the owners of such business entity.</i>		Banking, Commerce and Insurance	02/10/2020	In Committee 01/15/2020
LB1002	(Bostelman) Change provisions relating to wholesale drug distribution for emergency medical reasons <i>Exempts from the Wholesale Drug Distribution Act the sale, purchase, or trade of a prescription drug for an emergency medical service to use for the provision of emergency medical care.</i>		Health and Human Services		In Committee 01/21/2020
LB1088	(Friesen) Provide for personalized message specialty license plates <i>Once an organization has met the requirements for a specialty license plate, there will be two types of plates offered: Alpha numeric plates and personalized message plates.</i>		Transportation and Telecommunications	02/10/2020	In Committee 01/24/2020
LB1102	(Walz) Provide an appropriation for volunteer emergency medical care providers <i>Appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund for FY2020-21 to DHHS to provide reimbursement for tuition and fees for the initial and ongoing training of volunteer emergency medical care providers.</i>		Appropriations		In Committee 01/24/2020
LB1139	(Wishart) Provide for Pets for Vets license plates <i>Requires DMV to design Pets for Vets license plates to support veterans and companion or therapy pet animals. Provides for extra fees of \$5 for regular plates and \$40 for personalized plates with proceeds directed to the Pets for Vets Cash Fund. The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall create a program for the purpose of providing financial support to veterans for the costs associated with adopting a pet animal and use the Fund to award grants to carry out the purposes of such program. The department may administer the program or contract with an organization dedicated to the care of dogs and cats to administer the program.</i>		Transportation and Telecommunications	02/10/2020	In Committee 01/24/2020
LB1170	(Cavanaugh) Provide for implicit bias training, coverage under the medical assistance program for doula services and postpartum women, instruction to health professionals, and a pilot program <i>-Every person engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery, advanced practice nursing, alcohol and drug counseling, athletic training, audiology, speech-language pathology, chiropractic, dentistry, dental hygiene, emergency medical services, genetic counseling, hearing instrument dispensing and fitting, massage therapy, medical nutrition therapy, medical radiography, mental health practice, nurse midwifery, nursing, occupational therapy, optometry, osteopathy, perfusion, pharmacy, physical therapy, podiatry, psychology, respiratory care, or surgical assisting shall annually complete implicit bias training approved by DHHS (a program designed to expose people to their unconscious prejudices or partialities, provide tools to adjust automatic patterns of thinking, and ultimately eliminate discriminatory behaviors).</i>		Health and Human Services		In Committee 01/27/2020



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	<p><i>-DHHS shall develop and provide instruction to appropriate health professionals licensed, certified, or registered under the Uniform Credentialing Act regarding health screenings for maternal hypertension, gestational diabetes, and obesity. Such instruction shall include information specific to the health of black women.</i></p> <p><i>-Adds Medicaid eligibility for postpartum women for a period of 12 months with a family income equal to or less than 185% of 30 the poverty guideline.</i></p> <p><i>-Requires Medicaid reimbursement for the services of a doula.</i></p> <p><i>-DHHS shall develop and implement a pilot program regarding racial disparity across socioeconomic groups and the social determinants of health for pregnant women and mothers. Such program shall include housing assistance and home visitation for expecting or new mothers.</i></p>				
LB1189	(McDonnell) Adopt the Firefighter Cancer Benefits Act and provide an income tax exemption for such benefits		Revenue	02/05/2020	In Committee 01/27/2020
	<p><i>Every rural or suburban fire protection district, airport authority, city, village, or nonprofit corporation shall provide and maintain enhanced cancer benefits. Firefighter means a firefighter or firefighter-paramedic who is a member of a paid fire department of a municipality or a rural or suburban fire protection district in this state, or a volunteer firefighter who has been deemed an employee under 48-115(3), or paid fire department of an airport authority. The combined total of all benefits received by any firefighter during his or her lifetime shall not exceed \$50,000. A firefighter shall remain eligible for benefits for 60 months after the formal cessation of the firefighter's status as a firefighter. The fire district in which such firefighter served shall be responsible for payment of all premiums or other costs associated with benefits throughout the duration of the firefighter's coverage.</i></p>				