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Committee: Urban Affairs

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to cities of the first class; to amend section
2 16-222, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide
3 a requirement for full-time fire personnel in certain
4 cities as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to
5 repeal the original section.
6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 16-222, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 16-222 A Except as provided in section 2 of this act,
4 a city of the first class may provide for the organization
5 and support of a fire department; procure fire engines, hooks,
6 ladders, buckets, and other apparatus; organize fire engine, hook
7 and ladder, and bucket companies, and prescribe rules for duty
8 and the government thereof, with such penalties as the council
9 may deem proper, not exceeding one hundred dollars; make all
10 necessary appropriations therefor; and establish regulations for
11 the prevention and extinguishment of fires. It may prescribe limits
12 within which no building shall be constructed except of brick,
13 stone, or other incombustible material, with fireproof roof, and
14 impose a penalty for the violation of such ordinance. It may
15 cause the destruction or removal of any building constructed or
16 repaired in violation of such ordinance, and after such limits are
17 established no special permits shall be given for the erection or
18 repairing of buildings of combustible material. It may regulate
19 the construction and inspection of, and order the suppression of
20 and cleaning of fireplaces, chimneys, stoves, stovepipes, ovens,
21 boilers, kettles, forges, or any apparatus used in any building,
22 ~~manufactory~~ manufacturer, or business which may be dangerous in
23 causing or promoting fires, and prescribe limits within which
24 dangerous or obnoxious and offensive business may be carried on.

25 Sec. 2. Any city of the first class with a population

1 greater than thirty-eight thousand people shall pay and employ a
2 full-time chief of the fire department and full-time firefighters,
3 using National Fire Protection Association Standard 1710 as a
4 guideline.

5 Sec. 3. Original section 16-222, Reissue Revised Statutes
6 of Nebraska, is repealed.