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A BILL

FOR AN ACT relating to labor; to amend section 4-114, Revised

Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2010; to require

employers to e-verify the immigration status of new

employees; to provide an operative date; and to repeal

the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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1 Section 1. Section 4-114, Revised Statutes Cumulative

- 2 Supplement, 2010, is amended to read:
- 3 4-114 (1) For purposes of this section:
- 4 (a) Federal immigration verification system means the
- 5 electronic verification of the work authorization program of the
- 6 Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996,
- 7 8 U.S.C. 1324a, known as the E-Verify Program, or an equivalent
- 8 federal program designated by the United States Department of
- 9 Homeland Security or other federal agency authorized to verify the
- 10 work eligibility status of a newly hired employee pursuant to the
- 11 Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986;
- 12 (b) Public contractor means any contractor or his or her
- 13 subcontractor who is awarded a contract by a public employer for the
- 14 physical performance of services within the State of Nebraska; and
- 15 (c) Public employer means any agency or political
- 16 subdivision of the State of Nebraska.
- 17 (b) Contractor has the same meaning as in section
- 18 <u>48-2103; and</u>
- 19 (c) Employer means all employers under the Nebraska
- 20 Workers' Compensation Act as provided in section 48-106.
- 21 (2) Every public—employer and public—contractor shall
- 22 register with and use a federal immigration verification system to
- 23 determine the work eligibility status of new employees physically
- 24 performing services within the State of Nebraska. Every contract
- 25 between <u>a public an employer and public or contractor and their</u>

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1 employees shall contain a provision requiring the public—contractor

- 2 to use a federal immigration verification system to determine the
- 3 work eligibility status of new employees physically performing
- 4 services within the State of Nebraska.
- 5 (3) For two years after October 1, 2009, the The
- 6 Department of Labor shall make available to all private employers
- 7 information regarding the federal immigration verification system and
- 8 encouraging the use of the federal immigration verification system.
- 9 The department shall report to the Legislature no later than December
- 10 1, 2011, on the use of a federal immigration verification system by
- 11 Nebraska employers.
- 12 (4) This section does not apply to contracts awarded by a
- 13 public employer prior to October 1, 2009.
- 14 (4) An employer who violates this section is guilty of a
- 15 <u>Class III misdemeanor.</u>
- 16 Sec. 2. This act becomes operative on January 1, 2012.
- 17 Sec. 3. Original section 4-114, Revised Statutes
- 18 Cumulative Supplement, 2010, is repealed.