

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB91

Hearing Date: Thursday January 24, 2013
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Haar
One Liner: Change provisions regarding geologists

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Brasch, Carlson, Dubas, Haar, Johnson, Kolowski, Schilz, Smith
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Ken Haar
Marty Link

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Board of Geologists

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 91, introduced on behalf of the Board of Geologists, makes several revisions to the Geologists Regulation Act relating to requirements of the professional license designation.

Section 1 amends 81-3520 by revising the requirement that one member of the Board of Geologists represent the faculty of the geology departments within the University of Nebraska to a requirement that such board member be on the professional faculty of a geology or geoscience department of a Nebraska college.

Sections 2, 3 and 6 revise the reciprocity provisions of the act by allowing the board to waive the minimum requirements for a license applicant who has maintained a license and has practiced geology lawfully for at least 15 years in another state, as long as that state's regulations do not conflict with Nebraska's requirements.

Section 4 amends 81-3531 by adding a requirement on a renewal application that a statement be made under oath showing the applicant's fitness to maintain licensure and providing procedural options for renewals.

Section 5 amends 81-3537, relating to violations of the act, by requiring that civil penalties collected be distributed to education in accordance with the State Constitution.

Section 7 amends 81-3540 by clarifying that, at the board's discretion, the exam for professional licensure may be taken by an applicant who has substantially completed his or her educational requirements.

Section 8 repeals the original sections.

Tom Carlson, Chairperson