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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1024

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to state government; to amend section 90-119,
2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section
3 81-3711, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2012; to
4 permit the Nebraska Tourism Commission to adopt a state
5 symbol or slogan; to repeal statutes prescribing the
6 official state symbol and slogan and requiring its use by
7 state agencies; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the
8 original sections; and to outright repeal sections 90-105
9 and 90-106, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.
10 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 81-3711, Revised Statutes Cumulative
2 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

3 81-3711 The commission shall:

4 (1) Administer the Nebraska Visitors Development Act;

5 (2) Prepare and approve a budget;

6 (3) Elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson;

7 (4) Procure and evaluate data and information necessary
8 for the proper administration of the act;

9 (5) Appoint an executive director to conduct the day-to-
10 day operations of the commission;

11 (6) Employ personnel and contract for services which are
12 necessary for the proper operation of the commission;

13 (7) Establish a means by which any interested person has
14 the opportunity at least annually to offer his or her ideas and
15 suggestions relative to the commission's duties for the upcoming
16 year;

17 (8) Authorize the expenditure of funds and contracting of
18 expenditures to carry out the act;

19 (9) Keep minutes of its meetings and other books and
20 records which clearly reflect all of the actions and transactions of
21 the commission and keep such records open to examination during
22 normal business hours; and

23 (10) Prohibit any funds appropriated to the commission
24 from being expended directly or indirectly to promote or oppose any
25 candidate for public office or to influence state or federal

1 legislation.

2 The commission may adopt a state symbol, a state slogan,
3 or both.

4 Sec. 2. Section 90-119, Reissue Revised Statutes of
5 Nebraska, is amended to read:

6 90-119 The Governor may designate official state items,
7 including animals, plants, minerals, and other things, except as
8 provided in section 81-3711 for the state symbol and slogan.
9 Legislative approval of any such designation is not required. Any
10 designation made on or prior to September 13, 1997, is not affected
11 by this section.

12 Sec. 3. Original section 90-119, Reissue Revised Statutes
13 of Nebraska, and section 81-3711, Revised Statutes Cumulative
14 Supplement, 2012, are repealed.

15 Sec. 4. The following sections are outright repealed:
16 Sections 90-105 and 90-106, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.