

January 7, 2015

The Honorable Dave Heineman  
Governor of Nebraska

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The Honorable Patrick J. O'Donnell  
Clerk of the Legislature  
State Capitol – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
P.O. Box 94848  
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Dear Governor Heineman & Clerk O'Donnell:

Please accept the following report from the Nebraska State Patrol regarding the reporting requirements outlined in Section 6 of LB 403, 2009 Legislature. The timeframe of this report is from January 1, 2014, to December 31, 2014.

- A. The state benefits under the responsibility of the Nebraska State Patrol which are applicable to LB 403 are Concealed Handgun Permits and Explosive Permits.
1. Concealed Handgun Permit
    - a. Nebraska State Statute 69-2433(10) requires that an applicant be a citizen of the United States to apply for a Concealed Handgun Permit. During the application process, documented proof of citizenship is required. On October 15, 2013, the State of Nebraska was permanently enjoined by the Federal District Court from enforcing Neb. Rev. Stat. § 69-2433(10) as applied to lawful permanent residents. All foreign born applicants were then assessed utilizing the DHS Immigration and Customs Enforcement Illegal Alien Query to verify eligibility. Therefore, the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program was not engaged for this benefit.
    - b. Total number of applicants who have fully completed the application process for Concealed Handgun Permits = 6,901 initial permits, 2,295 renewal permits for a total of 9,196 permits.
    - c. Total number rejected for benefit due to LB 403 = 0.

2. Explosive Permits

- a. Nebraska State Statute 28-1229(2) (j) requires an applicant not be an alien illegally in the United States to apply for an explosive permit. All foreign born applicants are assessed utilizing the DHS Immigration and Customs Enforcement Illegal Alien Query to verify eligibility. Therefore, the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program was not engaged for this benefit.
- b. Total number of applicants who have fully completed the application process for Explosive Permit = 210 user permits, 26 purchase permits, 48 storage permits for 284 total permits.
- c. Total number rejected for benefit due to LB 403 = 0.

B. Other actions taken by the Nebraska State Patrol to comply with LB 403:

1. Participating in the E-Verify Program.
2. Contracts and agreements contain language requiring public contractors to utilize the E-Verify Program.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety

xc: Captain Sean Caradori  
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