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LEGISLATIVE BILL 334

FINAL READING

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Committee: Business and Labor

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to labor; to amend section 81-401, Reissue
2 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate the Nebraska Workforce
3 Investment Act and the Nebraska Workforce Investment Board; to
4 harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; to outright
5 repeal sections 48-1616, 48-1618, 48-1619, 48-1620, 48-1621,
6 48-1622, 48-1626, and 48-1627, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
7 and sections 48-1617, 48-1623, 48-1624, and 48-1625, Revised
8 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; and to declare an emergency.
9 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 81-401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 81-401 The Governor, through the agency of the Department of Labor
4 created by section 81-101, shall have power:

5 (1) To foster, promote, and develop the welfare of wage earners;

6 (2) To improve working conditions;

7 (3) To advance opportunities for profitable employment;

8 (4) To collect, collate, assort, systematize, and report statistical
9 details relating to all departments of labor, especially in its relation
10 to commercial, industrial, social, economic, and educational conditions
11 and to the permanent prosperity of the manufacturing and productive
12 industries;

13 (5) To acquire and distribute useful information on subjects
14 connected with labor in the most general and comprehensive sense of the
15 word;

16 (6) To acquire and distribute useful information concerning the
17 means of promoting the material, social, intellectual, and moral
18 prosperity of laboring men and women;

19 (7) To acquire and distribute information as to the conditions of
20 employment and such other facts as may be deemed of value to the
21 industrial interests of the state;

22 (8) To acquire and distribute information in relation to the
23 prevention of accidents, occupational diseases, and other related
24 subjects;

25 (9) To acquire and distribute useful information regarding the role
26 of the part-time labor force and the manner in which such labor force
27 affects the economy and citizens of the state; and

28 (10) To administer and enforce all of the provisions of the Boiler
29 Inspection Act, the Employment Security Law, the Farm Labor Contractors
30 Act, the Nebraska Amusement Ride Act, ~~the Nebraska Workforce Investment~~
31 ~~Act~~, and the Wage and Hour Act and Chapter 48, articles 2, 3, 4, and 5,

1 and for that purpose there is imposed upon the Commissioner of Labor the
2 duty of executing all of the provisions of such acts, law, and articles.

3 Sec. 2. Original section 81-401, Reissue Revised Statutes of
4 Nebraska, is repealed.

5 Sec. 3. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections
6 48-1616, 48-1618, 48-1619, 48-1620, 48-1621, 48-1622, 48-1626, and
7 48-1627, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 48-1617,
8 48-1623, 48-1624, and 48-1625, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
9 2014.

10 Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
11 passed and approved according to law.