

**ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB20**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday January 19, 2017  
**Committee On:** Revenue  
**Introducer:** Kolterman  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to homestead exemption certifications

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

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Brasch, Friesen, Groene, Harr, Lindstrom, Schumacher, Smith, Larson

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Mark Kolterman  
Greg Holloway

**Representing:**

Introducer  
DAV, VVA, NVC

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

Tom Placzek

**Representing:**

Nebraska Assessor's, NACO

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB20 is a bill that changes provisions relating to homestead exemption certifications for non-service disabled veterans.

Currently, veterans who were discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions) and who are totally disabled by a non-service accident or illness are required to annually submit certification of their total disability to the county assessor in order to qualify for a homestead exemption.

LB20 will allow this classification of veterans to not be required to submit certification in succeeding years if no change in medical condition has occurred, except at the discretion of the county assessor or Tax Commissioner.

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Jim Smith, Chairperson