

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)**  
**LB112**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday February 06, 2019  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Howard  
**One Liner:** Provide for waiver of certain occupational and licensing fees as prescribed

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

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 7 Senators Arch, Cavanaugh, Hansen, B., Howard, Murman, Walz, Williams

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Sara Howard  
Nicole Fox  
James Goddard

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Platte Institute for Economic Research  
Nebraska Appleseed

**Opponents:**

Ronald Banse

**Representing:**

Nebraska Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics,  
Nail Technology and Body Art

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

LB 112 would waive the fees for initial credentials under the Uniform Credentialing Act for low-income individuals, military families, and young workers as those terms are defined under LB 112.

Section 3 of LB 112 defines "low-income individual" as an individual enrolled in a state or federal public assistance program, including but not limited to, Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or someone whose adjusted gross income is below 130% of the federal income poverty guidelines or a higher threshold to be set by the Licensure Unit of the Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services. (Page 3, lines 24-31.)

Section 4 of LB 112 defines "military families" as active duty service members, military spouses, honorably discharged veterans, spouses of those honorably discharged veterans, and unremarried surviving spouses of deceased service members. (Page 4, lines 2-6.) The definition of "military spouse" is amended to change "officer or enlisted person on active duty" to "active duty service member." (Section 5, Page 4, lines 9-11.)

Section 6 defines "young worker" as an applicant for an initial credential who is between the ages of 18-25. (Page 4, lines 12-14.)

LB 112, section 7 removes the fee requirements for military spouses applying for temporary or initial regular credentials. (Page 5, lines 4-5 and 13-17.)

Section 8 of LB 112 amends Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-131 to waive the fee for a criminal background check for low-income individuals, young workers, and military families when they apply for an initial credential. (Page 6, lines 8-10.)

Section 11 of LB 112 adds subsection (3) to Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-155 to waive all fees for low-income individuals, military families, and young workers for initial credentials under the Uniform Credentialing Act.

Sections 9 and 10 of LB 112 amend Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-151 and 38-154 to incorporate the proposed subsection (3) to Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-155.

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Sara Howard, Chairperson