

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB152**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday January 25, 2021  
**Committee On:** General Affairs  
**Introducer:** Slama  
**One Liner:** Change provisions regarding fireworks

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

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Arch, Brandt, Brewer, Briese, Cavanaugh, J., Groene, Lowe, Wayne  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

<b>Proponents:</b> Senator Julie Slama Christopher Cantrell	<b>Representing:</b> Introducer Nebraska Fire Marshal
<b>Opponents:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
<b>Neutral:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>

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**Submitted Written Testimony:**

<b>Proponents:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
<b>Opponents:</b> Robert Bell	<b>Representing:</b> Nebraska Insurance Federation
<b>Neutral:</b> Coleen Nielsen	<b>Representing:</b> Nebraska Insurance Information Service

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

LB 152 changes provisions regarding certain classifications of fireworks. It changes the definitions of "display fireworks" and "consumer fireworks" to refer exclusively to federal definitions found in the Code of Federal Regulations, where they are designated as 1.3G and 1.4G fireworks respectively. This change also broadens the sale of fireworks in the state by changing the definition of "consumer fireworks" to include any device that meets the federal requirements for 1.4G fireworks, and has been approved by a nationally recognized testing facility or by the State Fire Marshal.

This bill also removes exceptions currently in statute to the sale of allowable consumer fireworks, and allows the State Fire

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Marshal to test and deem fireworks unsafe in response to complaints.

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Tom Briese, Chairperson