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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 259**

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Erdman, 47; Gragert, 40; Hansen, B., 16; Lowe, 37;  
McDonnell, 5.

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Committee: Judiciary

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil procedure; to authorize a civil
- 2 action for damages for certain public safety officers as prescribed;
- 3 and to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. (1)(a) A public safety officer may bring a civil action  
2 against any person, group of persons, organization, corporation, or the  
3 head of an organization or corporation for:

4           (i) Injury suffered during the officer's performance of official  
5 duties;

6           (ii) Abridgment of the officer's civil rights arising out of the  
7 officer's performance of official duties; or

8           (iii) The filing of a complaint against the officer, relating to the  
9 officer's performance of official duties, which the person filing knew  
10 was false when filed.

11           (b) Damages recoverable under this subsection include economic and  
12 noneconomic damages.

13           (2) For purposes of this section, public safety officer includes any  
14 of the following persons: A peace officer; a probation officer; a  
15 firefighter; an emergency care provider as defined in section 28-929.01;  
16 an employee of a county, city, or village jail; an employee of the  
17 Department of Correctional Services; an employee of the secure youth  
18 confinement facility operated by the Department of Correctional Services;  
19 an employee of a youth rehabilitation and treatment center; or an  
20 employee of the Department of Health and Human Services whose official  
21 duties involve dangerous sex offenders committed under the Sex Offender  
22 Commitment Act.

23           Sec. 2. The Revisor of Statutes shall assign section 1 of this act  
24 to Chapter 25, article 21.