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LEGISLATIVE BILL 484

Introduced by Moser, 22.

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Act; to amend sections 60-1401 and 60-1404, Reissue Revised Statutes of 2 3 Nebraska; to provide for continuing education for licensed motor 4 vehicle dealers and for authorization to conduct an educational seminar for continuing education credit as prescribed; to eliminate 5 6 a requirement for the Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing 7 Board to maintain an office in the State Capitol; to harmonize 8 provisions; to provide operative dates; and to repeal the original 9 sections.
- 10 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 60-1401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

- 2 amended to read:
- 3 60-1401 Sections 60-1401 to 60-1441 and sections 2 and 3 of this act
- 4 shall be known and may be cited as the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation
- 5 Act.
- 6 Any amendments to the act shall apply to franchises subject to the
- 7 act which are entered into, amended, altered, modified, renewed, or
- 8 extended after the date of the amendments to the act except as otherwise
- 9 specifically provided in the act.
- 10 All amendments to the act shall apply upon the issuance or renewal
- of a dealer's or manufacturer's license.
- 12 Sec. 2. (1)(a) Every person applying for an initial motor vehicle
- 13 <u>dealer's license shall complete eight hours of continuing education</u>
- 14 <u>authorized by the board within the twelve-month period immediately</u>
- 15 preceding the date of application.
- 16 (b) Every licensee applying for renewal of a motor vehicle dealer's
- 17 <u>license shall complete four hours of continuing education authorized by</u>
- 18 the board within the twelve-month period immediately preceding the date
- 19 of application.
- 20 (2) Every application for the issuance or renewal of a motor vehicle
- 21 <u>dealer's license shall be accompanied by documentation, as prescribed by</u>
- 22 the board, of the completion of continuing education required under
- 23 <u>subsection (1) of this section.</u>
- 24 (3) The continuing education requirements of this section shall not
- 25 <u>apply to:</u>
- 26 (a) A motor vehicle dealer whose primary business is the sale of
- 27 <u>salvage vehicles on behalf of motor vehicle insurers;</u>
- 28 (b) A motor vehicle dealer that only buys and sells manufactured
- 29 <u>homes;</u>
- 30 (c) A motor vehicle dealer that only buys and sells trailers; or
- 31 (d) A franchised new car dealer licensed by the board or any

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- 1 employee of such a franchised new car dealer.
- 2 Sec. 3. (1) Any person may apply to the board for authorization to
- 3 qualify an educational seminar for continuing education credit under
- 4 section 2 of this act. The board shall require a complete and specific
- 5 description of such educational seminar from the applicant prior to
- 6 authorizing such educational seminar for continuing education credit.
- 7 Such description shall include:
- 8 <u>(a) How the educational seminar will benefit a licensee in</u>
- 9 conducting business;
- 10 (b) The length of time the educational seminar will be conducted;
- 11 (c) A description of the method that will be used to record
- 12 <u>attendance during the educational seminar; and</u>
- 13 (d) Copies of any instructional materials that will be provided to
- 14 <u>attendees of the educational seminar.</u>
- 15 (2)(a) The board shall determine whether to approve or deny an
- 16 application made under subsection (1) of this section. If authorization
- 17 for continuing education credit is granted, the board shall also
- 18 determine the number of continuing education credit hours authorized for
- 19 the educational seminar.
- 20 (b) Within ten days of receiving the application, the board shall
- 21 <u>notify the applicant of the board's decision to approve or deny such</u>
- 22 educational seminar for continuing education credit, and, if applicable,
- 23 the number of continuing education credit hours authorized.
- Sec. 4. Section 60-1404, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 25 amended to read:
- 26 60-1404 The board shall have the authority to employ an executive
- 27 director who shall direct and administer the affairs of the board and who
- 28 shall keep a record of all proceedings, transactions, communications, and
- 29 official acts of the board. He or she shall be custodian of all records
- 30 of the board and perform such other duties as the board may require. The
- 31 executive director shall call a meeting of the board at the direction of

- 1 the chairperson thereof or upon a written request of two or more members
- 2 thereof. The executive director, with the approval of the board, is
- 3 authorized to employ an attorney at a minimum salary of six hundred
- 4 dollars per month together with such other employees, including staff for
- 5 its attorney, as may be necessary to properly carry out the Motor Vehicle
- 6 Industry Regulation Act, to fix the salaries of such employees, and to
- 7 make such other expenditures as are necessary to properly carry out the
- 8 act. The office of the board shall be maintained in the State Capitol at
- 9 Lincoln and all files, records, and property of the board shall at all
- 10 times be and remain therein. The executive director shall be the board's
- 11 representative in the administration of the act, and he or she shall
- 12 insure that the policies and directives of the board are carried out.
- 13 Sec. 5. Section 2 of this act becomes operative on January 1, 2024.
- 14 The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date.
- 15 Sec. 6. Original sections 60-1401 and 60-1404, Reissue Revised
- 16 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.