

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 413

Introduced by Dorn, 30.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to evaluate the potential transition to a statewide professional license for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning technicians. These skilled trades provide career opportunities for many Nebraskans, but the technicians must get a separate license for each municipality in which they work often imposing barriers in terms of time and cost. Nebraska has a demand for economic development and housing projects but is facing a shortage of workers in these trades. Therefore, the state could potentially benefit from a more streamlined licensing process.

In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee should seek the assistance of the State Electrical Division and consider the input of additional interested parties as the committee deems necessary and appropriate. The issues addressed by this study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Efforts in other states to establish statewide licensing of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning technicians;
- (2) Costs associated with establishing a state-issued license; and
- (3) Needs for local or state licensing in light of a robust inspection regime by municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.