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LEGISLATIVE BILL 418

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42; Hunt, 8; McDonnell, 5; Quick, 35.

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Committee: Business and Labor

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Collection Agency Act; to amend section
2 45-601, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions
3 relating to certain medical debt collection involving workers'
4 compensation; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original
5 section.

6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 45-601, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 45-601 Sections 45-601 to 45-622 and section 2 of this act shall be
4 known and may be cited as the Collection Agency Act.

5 No person, firm, corporation, or association shall conduct or
6 operate a collection agency or do a collection agency business as defined
7 in the act until he, she, or it has secured a license as provided in the
8 act. Any person, firm, corporation, or association conducting or
9 operating such a collection agency or doing such a collection agency
10 business without a license shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor for
11 each day that such unlawful business is conducted. Any officer or agent
12 of a firm, corporation, or association who personally participates in any
13 violation of the act shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor.

14 Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to require a
15 regular employee of a collection agency duly licensed as such in this
16 state to procure a collection agency license.

17 Nothing in the act shall be construed to prohibit a person, firm,
18 corporation, or association regulated as a collection agency in another
19 state and residing in another state from communicating with a debtor in
20 this state.

21 Sec. 2. No collection agency shall attempt to collect a debt if a
22 case is pending in the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court and the debt
23 is alleged to be subject to section 48-120.

24 Sec. 3. Original section 45-601, Reissue Revised Statutes of
25 Nebraska, is repealed.