

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 314**

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to firearms; to amend sections 69-2426 and
- 2 69-2432, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require
- 3 dissemination of information regarding suicide prevention and
- 4 require suicide prevention training; to harmonize provisions; and to
- 5 repeal the original sections.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 69-2426, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
2 amended to read:

3 69-2426 (1) Any firearm dealer licensed pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 923  
4 ~~Dealers of firearms~~ shall distribute to all firearm purchasers  
5 information developed by the Department of Health and Human Services  
6 regarding:

7 (a) The ~~the~~ dangers of leaving loaded firearms unattended around  
8 children; and -

9 (b) Suicide prevention, including materials that provide evidence-  
10 based information aligned with best practices in suicide prevention. Such  
11 materials shall include information on the 988 Suicide and Crisis  
12 Lifeline.

13 (2) There is hereby created the Firearm Information Fund. Private  
14 contributions shall be credited by the State Treasurer to such fund for  
15 the implementation of the provisions of this section.

16 Sec. 2. Section 69-2432, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
17 amended to read:

18 69-2432 (1) The Nebraska State Patrol shall prepare and publish  
19 minimum training and safety requirements for and adopt and promulgate  
20 rules and regulations governing handgun training and safety courses and  
21 handgun training and safety course instructors. Minimum safety and  
22 training requirements for a handgun training and safety course shall  
23 include, but not be limited to:

24 (a) Knowledge and safe handling of a handgun;

25 (b) Knowledge and safe handling of handgun ammunition;

26 (c) Safe handgun shooting fundamentals;

27 (d) A demonstration of competency with a handgun with respect to the  
28 minimum safety and training requirements;

29 (e) Knowledge of federal, state, and local laws pertaining to the  
30 purchase, ownership, transportation, and possession of handguns;

31 (f) Knowledge of federal, state, and local laws pertaining to the

1 use of a handgun, including, but not limited to, use of a handgun for  
2 self-defense and laws relating to justifiable homicide and the various  
3 degrees of assault;

4 (g) Knowledge of ways to avoid a criminal attack and to defuse or  
5 control a violent confrontation;~~and~~

6 (h) Knowledge of proper storage practices for handguns and  
7 ammunition, including storage practices which would reduce the  
8 possibility of accidental injury to a child; and -

9 (i) Suicide prevention training. Such training shall consist of  
10 evidence-based information aligned with best practices in suicide  
11 prevention.

12 (2) A person or entity conducting a handgun training and safety  
13 course and the course instructors shall be approved by the patrol before  
14 operation. The patrol shall issue a certificate evidencing its approval.

15 (3) A certificate of completion of a handgun training and safety  
16 course shall be issued by the person or entity conducting a handgun  
17 training and safety course to persons successfully completing the course.  
18 The certificate of completion shall also include certification from the  
19 instructor that the person completing the course does not suffer from a  
20 readily discernible physical infirmity that prevents the person from  
21 safely handling a handgun.

22 (4) Any fee for participation in a handgun training and safety  
23 course is the responsibility of the applicant.

24 Sec. 3. Original sections 69-2426 and 69-2432, Reissue Revised  
25 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.