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LEGISLATIVE BILL 947

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Building Construction Act; to amend
- 2 section 71-6401, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to allow virtual
- 3 inspection for certain building permits as prescribed; to require
- 4 certain inspection records be made available to the public; to
- 5 harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 71-6401, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is
2 amended to read:

3 71-6401 Sections 71-6401 to 71-6408 and section 2 of this act shall
4 be known and may be cited as the Building Construction Act.

5 Sec. 2. (1) For purposes of this section:

6 (a) Authorized inspector means an individual credentialed with the
7 state agency, county, city, or village issuing permits or a third-party
8 inspector registered or licensed with the State of Nebraska contracted as
9 a result of project specification requirements. Authorized inspector does
10 not include an individual performing a self-performed inspection for the
11 individual's own permit or building; and

12 (b) Inspection records means the pass or fail results, including the
13 reasons for failure or deviation from project specifications, of any
14 inspection required by the permitting entity as a condition of
15 construction in association with the address of the permit requested or
16 issued.

17 (2)(a) Any state agency, county, city, or village that requires an
18 inspection as part of a building permit may allow for virtual inspection
19 by an authorized inspector if the following conditions are met:

20 (i) The inspection is of an area of a building that is less than
21 three stories in height and under ten thousand square feet;

22 (ii) The individual requesting or holding the building permit has
23 provided a list of personnel who are completing the work onsite; and

24 (iii) Except as provided in subdivision (b) of this subsection, the
25 virtual inspection is conducted live with both the individual requesting
26 or holding the building permit and the authorized inspector.

27 (b) Inspections required for building permits of a nonstructural
28 nature, as determined by the permitting entity, or any reinspection may
29 be conducted using video or photo documentation.

30 (3) Any state agency, county, city, or village that requires an
31 inspection by an authorized inspector as part of a building permit or

1 structural scope of project shall make inspection records available to
2 the public if the structure for which the permit was requested or issued
3 is standing at the time of the request.

4 Sec. 3. Original section 71-6401, Revised Statutes Supplement,
5 2023, is repealed.