

New Year Brings New Laws to Nebraska

Nebraska will ring in the new year with a host of new state laws, including higher county filing fees for mortgages and authorization for local governments to allow people to drive golf cars and roads adjacent to courses.

Lawmakers approved 10 bills this year that go into effect Tuesday.

One measure will allow counties to charge higher filing fees for deeds, wills, mortgages and other property documents. Part of the money will help register-of-deed offices post more documents public documents online, while the rest goes to county general funds. The law ends in 2018, which forces register officials to prove they have used the money as intended.

Another law will give cities and counties the authority to allow golf cars on roads alongside golf courses, but operators must have insurance.

All or parts of the following Nebraska laws will go into effect Tuesday:

LB 14: Changes fees for deeds, mortgages, wills and other papers within a county's register of deeds.

LB 216: Creates a special interest license plate for classic cars that aren't used for regular travel.

LB 536: A law designed to give counties additional notice that property is changing hands because of a death.

LB 854: Gives businesses that have been dissolved up to five years to apply for reinstatement with the Nebraska secretary of state's office.

LB 887: Reduces filing fees and changes other rules for Nebraska insurance companies.

LB 1058: Requires employers to send information about a worker's eligibility for unemployment benefits to the state within 10 days of the Department of Labor requesting it.

LB 1080: Establishes tax breaks for data centers that locate in Nebraska.

LB 1091: Requires Nebraska retailers to collect a surcharge on prepaid cellphones and phone cards.

LB 1113: Sets rules in legal matters involving powers of attorney.

LB 1155: Gives Nebraska cities and counties the power to allow golf carts on streets that run alongside golf courses, but requires operators to have insurance to drive on streets.