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Be Wary of Compliance Post Card Scam

LINCOLN – Attorney General Doug Peterson is issuing an alert for Nebraskans to be wary of a postcard being sent to Nebraska companies. Several businesses have reported receiving the official-looking postcard purporting to be from “United Business Services Compliance Division” providing a “Notice of Potential Compliance Violation” and listing a phone number to call immediately to avoid fees and penalties.

This is a scam. The mailing appears to be an official government document, but it is not. Currently, there is not an entity registered to do business in Nebraska by the name of “United Business Services.” The address used by this questionable entity is that of a downtown apartment complex. We believe the scammers are preying on newly registered limited liability companies, who may not know what rules they actually need to follow.

Recipients of the postcard have reported that when calling the number provided they are directed to pay a one-time fee of roughly \$70 to apply for a Certificate of Good Standing or to pay for a similar service that is not necessarily needed. Official, correct certificates may be requested from the Secretary of State’s office online or by mail.

Nebraska businesses are reminded that any official notices sent from the Secretary of State’s office will include the Secretary of State letterhead with John Gale’s name included. Businesses are also reminded to exercise caution before providing information or payment to any entity that makes misleading claims or requests.

If you need assistance or additional information, or would like to file a complaint, please contact the Attorney General’s Office Consumer Protection Division at ago.nebraska.gov or 800-727-6432.

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