

LEGISLATIVE BILL 154

Approved by the Governor May 10, 2017

Introduced by Geist, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Safety of Dams and Reservoirs Act; to amend section 46-1657, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for the filing of a completion certificate without a filing fee; and to repeal the original section.

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

Section 1. Section 46-1657, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

46-1657 (1) Upon completion of a new or reconstructed dam and reservoir or of the enlargement of a dam and reservoir, the owner shall file with the department, without a filing fee, a completion certification accompanied by supplementary drawings or descriptive matter signed and sealed by the design engineer, showing or describing the work as actually completed. Such supplementary materials may include, but need not be limited to, the following as determined by the department:

(a) A record of all geological boreholes and grout holes and grouting;

(b) A record of permanent location points, benchmarks, and instruments embedded in the structure;

(c) A record of tests of concrete or other material used in the construction, reconstruction, or enlargement of the dam; and

(d) A record of initial seepage flows and embedded instrument readings.

(2) In connection with the enlargement of a dam, the supplementary drawings and descriptive matter need apply only to the new work.

(3) An approval to operate shall be issued by the department upon a finding by the department that the dam is safe to impound within the limitations prescribed in the application approval. No impoundment by the structure shall occur prior to issuance of the approval to operate.

Sec. 2. Original section 46-1657, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.