



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 677

Hearing Date: February 21, 2007
Committee On: Natural Resources

Introducer(s): (Dubas)
Title: Change late fees under the Livestock Waste Management Act

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

6	Yes	Senators Dubas, Fischer, Hudkins, Kopplin, Loudon, Wallman
0	No	
0	Present, not voting	
2	Absent	Senators Carlson, Christensen

Proponents:

Senator Annette Dubas
Jay Wolf
Laura Krebsbach
John K. Hansen

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Cattlemen
Self
Nebraska Farmers Union

Opponents:

None

Representing:

Neutral:

Mike Linder
Dennis Heitmann

Representing:

Department of Environmental Quality
Department of Environmental Quality

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 677 does the following:

- Section 1 Extends the date from the year 2000 to 2008 before the Department of Environmental Quality can assess late fees for failure to request an inspection of an animal feeding operation.
- Section 2 Repealer.
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Explanation of amendments, if any:

The committee amendment specifies that this bill only applies to those livestock operations that had been considered exempt from the requirement to seek an inspection prior to July of 2004. The federal regulations changed definitions of livestock operations at that time, forcing livestock operations that Nebraska had considered small and medium to ask for an inspection to determine whether or not a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit would be necessary.

The amendment gives these operations until January 1, 2009, to request an inspection without incurring late fees, and states that late fees shall apply if the operation fails to request an inspection within the time frame allowed under this bill. It does not change the amount of the late fees.

The amendment also contains the Emergency Clause.

Senator LeRoy Loudon, Chairperson