



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
Committee Statement  
LB 695**

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**Hearing Date:** February 2, 2007  
**Committee On:** Judiciary

**Introducer(s):** (Christensen)

**Title:** Limit the power of cities to regulate the carrying of concealed handguns

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**Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

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

5	Yes	Sen. Ashford, Sen. Lathrop, Sen. Chambers, Sen. McGill, Sen. Schimek
2	No	Sen. Pedersen, Sen. McDonald
1	Present, not voting	Sen. Pirsch
	Absent	

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**Proponents:**

Sen. Christensen  
Jordan Austin  
Mark Bohaty  
Bill Schultz  
Walt Kemp  
Terence Begley

**Representing:**

Citizen  
Citizen  
Nebraska Markmanship Association  
Citizen  
Citizen

**Opponents:**

Jim Peschong  
William Meyner  
Gary Krumland  
Jack Cheloha

**Representing:**

Lincoln Police Department  
Police Chief Association of Nebraska  
Citizen  
City of Omaha

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:** Legislative Bill 695 proposes to limit the power of cities to regulate to the carrying of concealed handguns by permit holders under the Concealed Handgun Permit Act. Currently, cities of the Metropolitan, Primary, First and Second class are

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authorized to prevent the carrying of concealed weapons. The statutes granting cities this power to prohibit carrying of concealed weapons were not amended when the legislature adopted the Concealed Handgun Permit Act in 2006, which authorizes persons who obtain a permit to carry a concealed handgun in Nebraska.

LB 695 also expressly prohibits cities and villages from regulating the ownership, possession, or transportation of firearms except as expressly provided by state law, and declares that any existing ordinance or regulation of such subjects by cities or villages is null and void.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

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**Senator Brad Ashford, Chairperson**