

ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2008
COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB791

Hearing Date: January 22, 2008
Committee On: Agriculture

Introducer(s): (Erdman)
Title: Provide for rules for certified seed potatoes

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advance to General File

Vote Results:

7 Yes	Senators Dierks, Dubas, Erdman, Karpisek, McDonald, Priester, and Wallman
0 No	
1 Absent	Senator Chambers
0 Present, not voting	

Proponents:

Rick Leonard
Gary Leever
Neil Moseman

Opponents:

Representing:

Introducer, Research Analyst, Agriculture Committee
Potato Certification Association of Nebraska
Nebraska Department of Agriculture

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or change:

LB 791 amends the Nebraska Plant Protection and Plant Pest Act to provide express authority for the Department of Agriculture to promulgate rules governing the planting of certified seed potatoes in the state. Specifically, LB 791:

- Inserts a new defined term, "certified seed potatoes," in section 3 of the bill which is incorporated into the Plant Protection and Plant Pest Act by sections 1 and 2 of the bill.
- Amends §2-10,116 to add rules pertaining to the planting of certified seed potatoes to a list of items relevant to the regulation of plant pests for which the Department is expressly authorized by this section to promulgate rules and regulations.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Philip Erdman, Chairperson