

**ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION -
2008**

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB904

Hearing Date: February 01, 2008

Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Introducer(s): (Lautenbaugh)

Title: Change provisions relating to applications for veterans aid

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Placed on General File

Vote Results:

7 Yes	Senators Adams, Aguilar, Avery, Friend, Karpisek, Lautenbaugh, Rogert
0 No	
1 Absent	Senator Pahls
0 Present, not voting	

Proponents:

Senator Scott Lautenbaugh
John Hilgert
Garold Chalupa

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs
County Veteran Service Officers

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or change:

LB 904 eliminates the word "eligible" from the statute which has been interpreted to mean that only next of kin who are also veterans can apply for payment of expenses of last illness and burial for a veteran.

The bill also allows a county veterans service officer to apply for these payments. Currently, when there is no next of kin, only a recognized veterans' organization is authorized to make such an application.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Ray Aguilar, Chairperson