



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 104

Chairperson: Brad Ashford
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: March 1, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 104 changes the age of majority in the State of Nebraska from nineteen years of age to eighteen years of age. The definition of minor and age of majority are drafted to reflect this change.

This bill would not change the subsidized guardianship and subsidized adoption programs. These programs provide payments to guardians and adoptive parents for the maintenance, medical and surgical expenses, and other costs incidental to the care of the child until the child's nineteenth birthday.

Also, LB 104 does not change Medicaid eligibility determinations as a state's age of majority law does not impact that determination. Similarly, this bill would not alter the Department of Health and Human Services definition of a minor child for the Aid to Dependent Children/Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program.

LB 104 would benefit young people in Nebraska by changing the laws to permit individuals 18 years of age consistent with the majority of states.

An additional amendment will be offered to continue the guardianship and services available to state wards to the age of 19.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Philip Erdman