



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 1174

Chairperson: Philip Erdman
Committee: Agriculture
Date of Hearing: February 12, 2008

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

LB 1174 is a bill to honor the 1982 vote of the people for Initiative 300, which they placed in the Nebraska Constitution. Voters in Nebraska supported the concepts found in Initiative 300, which restricted non-family farm corporations from acquiring, or otherwise obtaining an interest, whether legal, beneficial, or otherwise, in any title to real estate used for farming or ranching in this state, or engaging in farming or ranching.

LB 1174 was drafted by incorporating the original concepts of Initiative 300 with adjustments made from recent court decisions. LB 1174 allows for agricultural production within or outside of the state of Nebraska if it contributes to the agricultural production activities of a farm or ranch. Residents of other states can own farms or ranches in Nebraska and qualify as family farmers in Nebraska. Also, consideration is given for people who would otherwise engage in day-to-day labor and day-to-day management but are prevented from performing these duties because of physical or mental impairment that substantially limits major life activities.

Principal Introducer:

Senator M.L. Dierks