



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 839

Chairperson: Brad Ashford
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: February 1, 2008

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

Current statute lists some “permissible” fireworks by name (sparklers, spray fountains, color fire cones, lady fingers, etc.) Every year a more comprehensive list is published via the regulatory process. This bill changes the statutes so that both a “permissible” and “non-permissible” fireworks list would be developed and made available by the State Fire Marshal under Section 28-1247. This change would eliminate the need to change the law every time a new type of firework is developed and approved.

Section 28-1247 is changed to state that fireworks may be offered for sale in Nebraska if they have been tested and approved by a nationally recognized testing facility or by the State Fire Marshal. If they are approved, they can be put on the permissible list. If not, they will be put on the non-permissible list. Placement on either list would be at the discretion of the State Fire Marshal.

LB 839 also increases the period of license revocation for any licensed distributor or jobber who violates state statutes governing the sale of fireworks in the State of Nebraska from one year to three years.

Principal Introducer:

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