

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB677

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 03, 2009
Committee On: Agriculture
Introducer: Haar
One Liner: Change the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Carlson, Council, Dierks, Dubas, Price, Schilz, Wallman
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Karpisek
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:

Ken Harr
Robert Downey
Don Wesely
Tracie Jordan
Scott Besch
Kim Minge

Representing:

Introducer
Capital Humane Society
Humane Society of the United States
Midwest Rottweiler Rescue
Nebraska Italian Greyhound Rescue
Kingdom Kennels

Opponents:

Joe Herrod
Amy Lambrecht
Judy Varner
Clem Disterhaupt
Kevin Peterson
Pete McClymont

Representing:

Nebraska Council of Sportsmen's Clubs
Nebraska Dog Breeder Association
Nebraska Humane Society
Nebraska Professional Pet Breeders Association
Nebraska Farm Bureau
Nebraska Cattlemen

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 677 would have amended the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act to disallow licensure to operate as a commercial breeder after April 1, 2010, if the breeder owns or has custody of more than 75 unaltered dogs over the age of 4 months. The bill would have also inserted additional statutory specification into §54-640 for facility standards and the standards of care maintained by commercial breeders, and proposed additional statutory specification regarding standards for primary enclosures utilized by all licensees. The proposed statutory standards would have largely replicated existing standards for humane handling, care, treatment and transportation of animals promulgated by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service pursuant to the Animal Welfare Act (9 CFR 3.1 to 3.19). These are currently incorporated as standards governing operations of Nebraska licensees by Department of Agriculture regulations at Chapter 23, article 18, section 007 of the Nebraska Administrative Code.

Explanation of Committee Amendments, if any:

Tom Carlson, Chairperson