

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 191

Introduced by Christensen, 44.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine Nebraska's laws regarding a person's right in their home to defend his or her own life or another's life by reasonable force, which may include the use of deadly force, and to examine similar laws in other states that would potentially provide a model for expanding this right in Nebraska. The right to defend yourself by the use of reasonable force in one's home, which may include the use of deadly force, is generally called the Castle Doctrine. This study shall include, but not be limited to: (1) An examination of Nebraska's laws regarding one's right to self-defense within the home; (2) the review of Castle Doctrine laws in other states; and (3) the development of potential policy changes, if needed, to strengthen the right to self-defense within the home in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.