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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 216

Chairperson: Brad Ashford
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: January 30, 2009

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

Prior to 1981, a passenger in a motor vehicle injured through the negligence of the driver could not recover damages for his or her injuries unless the driver was found to be guilty of gross negligence. This was known as the "guest statute." In 1981, the Legislature passed LB 54, which amended the guest statute so that it was applicable only to those related to the driver within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity. LB 216 would repeal this last vestige of the guest statute.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Norman Wallman