



One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 347**

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**Chairperson:** Brad Ashford  
**Committee:** Judiciary  
**Date of Hearing:** February 11, 2009

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

Under Nebraska law, an owner of a dog is strictly liable for damage caused by the dog. LB 347 would make exceptions to strict liability for police and military dogs under certain circumstances. The first circumstance is if the dog is defending itself from a harassing or provoking act. The other circumstances are if the dog is assisting an employee of the governmental agency in the apprehension or holding of a criminal suspect; in the investigation of a crime or possible crime; in the execution of a warrant; or in the defense of a peace officer or another person other than the suspect.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator Abbie Cornett**