

**ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB697**

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**Hearing Date:** Friday February 04, 2011  
**Committee On:** Natural Resources  
**Introducer:** Coash  
**One Liner:** Change permit issuance provisions under the Game Law

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 8 Senators Carlson, Christensen, Dubas, Haar, Langemeier, McCoy, Schilz, Smith  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**  
Senator Colby Coash

**Representing:**  
Introducer

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**  
Craig Stover

**Representing:**  
Game and Parks Commission

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 697 would allow the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission to create a process to determine (1) whether the offense for which one's permit to hunt, fish or harvest fur has been revoked in a jurisdiction outside of Nebraska is also an offense under Nebraska's Game Law and (2) whether such person is eligible for a permit in Nebraska.

Section 1 amends 37-615, relating to Game Law violations and penalties, by eliminating language that will be restated in another section.

Section 2 amends 37-618, which states the conditions under which one may be denied a license to hunt, fish, or harvest fur in Nebraska, by clarifying the language, and authorizing the Game and Parks Commission to create a process to allow a person whose license to hunt, fish, or harvest fur has been suspended or revoked in another state to request a hearing to determine whether the violation for which the license was lost is a violation under Nebraska Game Law.

Section 2 repeals the original section.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM610 replaces subsection (3) of section 2 and clarifies the language describing the Game and Parks Commission's authority to create a permit review process. The amendment adds authority for the commission to create an application screening process to determine whether a hearing is necessary.

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Chris Langemeier, Chairperson