

# **One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB89**

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**Chairperson: Senator Bill Avery**

**Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs**

**Date of Hearing: January 19, 2011**

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

Legislative Bill 89 would amend § 81-2001 to change the current requirements for eligibility as the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety of the Nebraska State Patrol.

Currently, Nebraska law requires four years of law enforcement experience to be eligible for appointment by the Governor to the position of Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety. LB 89 would change the requirements to:

1. A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university;
2. At least fifteen years of law enforcement experience;
3. At least five years of management experience in law enforcement; and
4. A certificate of successful completion of command officer training offered by a nationally recognized program.

The Nebraska State Patrol's duties, responsibilities, and personnel have increased greatly since the current requirement was put in place many years ago. These new requirements would more closely align with current national standard trends for similar positions, and reflect the necessary experience needed to manage the growing responsibilities of the Nebraska State Patrol.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Mark Christensen**