

One Hundred Second Legislature - Second Session - 2012

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB915

Chairperson: Senator Tom Carlson

Committee: Agriculture

Date of Hearing: January 31, 2012

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

The bill amends the animal abuse reporting statutes, Neb. Rev. Stat. Sect. 28-1017 for animals other than livestock and Neb. Rev. Stat. Sect. 54-908 for livestock, to require every person who reasonable suspects that an animal has been abandoned, cruelly neglected, or cruelly mistreated to report such abuse to the authorities within 12 hours. A person submitting a report is also required to include all documentation, original and copies, including video, photographs, or audio, that is evidence of such abuse. Failing to report abuse is a Class IV felony.

The bill also includes a new criminal offense for obtaining employment at an animal facility with the intent to disrupt the normal operations of the facility, which is a Class IV felony.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tyson Larson