

One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB390

Chairperson: Senator Brad Ashford

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 28, 2013

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

Legislative Bill 390 would amend and add a new section to the Emergency Management Act.

It would remove the power under the act, found in Section 81-829.40(h), that allows the Governor to suspend or limit the sale, dispensing, or transportation of firearms.

In addition, Section 3 of this act would clarify that the current state and federal laws regulating firearms and ammunition would still be applied. The Governor or any political subdivision would not be able to expand or tighten their regulation of firearms and ammunition and hinder the *lawful* possession, sale, or transportation of firearms and ammunition during a declared emergency.

During a declared state of emergency, it is more, not less likely that a law abiding Nebraska resident may need to use a firearm to protect themselves, their family, or property from mobs, looting, and other types of civil unrest.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mark Christensen