

One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB67

Chairperson: Senator Ken Schilz

Committee: Agriculture

Date of Hearing: January 22, 2013

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

LB 67 amends the Nebraska Milk Act, by updating Nebraska's milk safety and sanitation requirements. It does this by adopting the majority of the 2011 Grade A Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO), Methods of Making Sanitation Ratings of Milk Supplies, Procedures governing the Cooperative State-Public Health Service/Food and Drug Administration Program of the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments, and Evaluation of Milk Laboratories, published by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The bill adopts the current version of the 3-A Sanitary Standards published jointly by the United States Food and Drug Administration and the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The adopted publications provide national standards, adopted by the majority of the states. Following these versions will put milk producers in Nebraska on the same level as surrounding states. This bill also provides that all new facilities that produce milk will be required to comply with all of the requirements of the PMO, while facilities previously in existence will be allowed to follow state statutory requirements for milk production which is not Grade A.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Ken Schilz