

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB389

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 17, 2015
Committee On: Agriculture
Introducer: Kuehn
One Liner: Change license and inspection fees under the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Bloomfield, Harr, Chambers, Johnson, Kolterman, Larson, Riepe, Schilz
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator John Kuehn
Bradley Beam
Jason Paine

Representing:

Introducer
Self
Hearts United for Animals

Opponents:

Clem Disterhaupt

Representing:

Nebraska Professional Pet Breeders Association

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB389 changes the amount or calculation of initial and annual license fees, and imposes a re-inspection fee when follow-up inspections are required. Specifically, LB389 makes the following changes within the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Act:

Revises the manner which the annual license fee for various license categories are calculated. Rev. Stat. 54-627(3)(a) of the Act currently provides for a graduated annual license fee schedule that changes a progressively higher fee as the size of the operation increases, beginning at \$150 for ten or fewer animals, \$200 for 11 to 50 animals, and thereafter in increasing amounts of 50 animal size category increments up to \$2,000 for licenses having more than 500 animals.

LB389 retains the \$150 annual license fee for licensees having 10 or fewer animals but strikes the remainder of the existing fee schedule, substituting a calculation of the license fee for licensees having 11 or more animals to be \$150 plus \$10 for each additional dog or cat numbering more than 11.

Increases the initial license fee imposed under Neb. Rev. Stat. 54-627(3)(b) (page 3, line 20) from \$125 to \$150.

Revises Neb. Rev. Stat. 54-628 by inserting new text that imposes a re-inspection fee of \$150 plus mileage in the event that follow-up inspections are required to verify deficiencies in a previous inspection are rectified.

Portions/provisions of LB 389 were incorporated into LB 360. Provisions providing for a re-inspection fee were added to LB 360 by AM1151. A \$2 per animal fee for commercial licensees was incorporated as an element of the annual licensure by adoption of AM1193 to LB360.

Jerry Johnson, Chairperson