

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB360

Chairperson: Senator Jerry Johnson

Committee: Agriculture

Date of Hearing: February 17, 2015

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

LB 360 inserts a series of clarifying revisions to the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act as follows:

-- "Significant threat to the health and safety of dogs or cats" is inserted as a new defined term in Section 54-626. This currently undefined term is utilized in existing section 54-633(2) as a standard authorizing interventions by the Department of Agriculture of seizure and referral to law enforcement when inspectors observe inhumane conditions.

-- clarifies the initial license fee and the content of prelicensure inspection of new license applicants, how the count of animals utilized to calculate the annual license fee is determined, and simplifying the license fee to apply only to the primary licensed activity of facilities having more than one licensed function.

-- Expands application of a duty of persons operating facilities subject to licensure and inspection to make premises available for inspection, currently confined to existing licensees, to include license applicants and persons for whom the Department has reason to believe are subject to licensure.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Jerry Johnson