

# One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

### LB643

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**Chairperson: Senator Les Seiler**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: March 06, 2015**

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

LB 643 is adoption of the Cannabis Compassion and Care Act (CCCA). The purpose of the CCCA is to allow and regulate the use of cannabis for medical treatment. Cannabis has proven medical efficacy, and LB643 allows cannabis to be considered as a treatment option for a select few diseases and medical conditions, while also providing the needed regulatory guidance.

The CCCA explains, in part, why cannabis is medically beneficial; carefully defines terms; provides legal protections regarding possession of cannabis for medical purposes; establishes and regulates compassion centers; places time restraints on implementation of the CCCA; establishes regulatory guidance for medical cannabis identification cards; provides a legal defense for possessing cannabis for a medical purpose; prescribes restrictions on cannabis possession and use; provides recourse for tardy Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services regulation construction; establishes a Compassion Board; amends Nebraska Revised Statute 77-4303 to provide for taxation of medical cannabis; and repeals the original Nebraska Revised Statute 77-4303.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Tommy Garrett**