

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB447

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 08, 2017
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Chambers
One Liner: Eliminate certain mandatory minimum penalties

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Baker, Chambers, Ebke, Krist, Pansing Brooks, Morfeld, Hansen
Nay:	1	Senator Halloran
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Ernie Chambers
Kenneth Ackerman
April O'Loughlin
Andy Pollock
John Krejci
Fran Kaye

Representing:

Introducer
self
Nebraska Criminal Defense Attorneys Association
Families Against Mandatory Minimums
Nebraskans for Peace
self

Opponents:

Corey O'Brien
Jim Masteller

Representing:

Nebraska Attorney General's Office
Nebraska County Attorneys Association

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB447 amends Nebraska Criminal Code regarding penalty classifications. The bill keeps the current statutory construction of dividing felony offenses into ten classes, which differentiate from one another by the penalties that may be authorized upon conviction.

This bill would eliminate the mandatory minimum sentences for Class IC and ID felonies.

The bill would keep the non-mandatory minimum penalty for a Class IC felony would remain five years imprisonment, and the now non-mandatory minimum penalty for a Class ID felony would remain three years imprisonment.

Laura Ebke, Chairperson