

**ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION -
2008**

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB784

Hearing Date: February 06, 2008

Committee On: Revenue

Introducer(s): (Howard)

Title: Prohibit immigration law violators from receiving incentives under the Nebraska Advantage Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Placed on General File with Amendments

Vote Results:

5 Yes	Senators Cornett, Dierks, Janssen, Preister and White
2 No	Senators Burling and Raikes
1 Absent	Senator Langemeier
0 Present, not voting	

Proponents:

Senator Gwen Howard
Dimitrij Krynsky
Paul Meyer
Susan Smith
Jeanette Ream
Michael McAlpine
Jerome Warner
Jack Ream
Dale Monsell
Allan Bogacz
Roger Yant

Representing:

Introducer
Himself
Himself
Herself
Herself
Himself
Minuteman
Himself
Himself
Himself
Himself

Opponents:

Jennifer Carter

Representing:

Nebraska Appleseed

Neutral:

None

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or change:

LB 784 would amend The Nebraska Advantage Act to deny and recapture benefits from any qualifier that knowingly violates immigration law by employing unauthorized aliens. The bill would amend section 77-5723, which deals with applications for benefits, to add a requirement that the president or managing officer certify that the taxpayer has not knowingly violated federal immigration law. It would also amend section 77-5727, which deals with the failure to attain or maintain the required levels of jobs or investment to recapture all benefits from a qualifier who has knowingly violated immigration law by employing unauthorized aliens. The changes to be made by this bill would be operative for all applications filed on or after the effective date of the bill.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The Committee amendment would clarify that the violation would have to occur between the date of application and the end of the entitlement to disallow future benefits and recapture 100 percent of past benefits.

Senator Ray Janssen, Chairperson