



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 584

Chairperson: Joel Johnson
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: February 1, 2007

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

LB 584 requires that cigarettes sold in Nebraska meet the fire safety performance standard, as stated in the Reduced Cigarette Ignition Propensity Act. Civil penalties for non-compliance are stated in the bill. Cigarettes meeting the fire safety performance standard are manufactured pursuant to a design which, when left unattended, self-extinguish. Cigarette-caused fires result in billions of dollars of property losses and damage in the United States and millions of dollars in Nebraska. Cigarette fires kill our citizens, damage property, and unnecessarily jeopardize firefighters and result in avoidable emergency response costs for municipalities and fire districts in Nebraska.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Don Preister