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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 404

Chairperson: Russ Karpisek
Committee: General Affairs
Date of Hearing: February 9, 2009

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

Legislative Bill 404 requires that cigarettes sold in Nebraska meet the fire safety performance standard, as stated in the Reduced Cigarette Ignition Propensity Act. Cigarettes meeting the fire safety performance standard are manufactured pursuant to a design which, when left unattended, self-extinguish. Civil penalties for non-compliance are stated in the bill. 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 Abbie Cornett