

One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB166

Chairperson: Senator Ken Schilz

Committee: Agriculture

Date of Hearing: February 05, 2013

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

LB 166 would authorize labeling of cool season lawn and turf grass seed mixtures to utilize a "sell by" date disclosure to inform consumers of seed shelf life for the germination percentage claimed on the label. This would incorporate into the Nebraska Seed Law a revision of the Recommended Uniform State Seed Law of the Association of American of Seed Control Officials recognizing the longer term retention of germination rate qualities of cool season grass seeds. The Nebraska Seed Law currently requires labeling disclosure on packaged grass seed mixtures of the testing dates for determination of germination percentages of each seed component. The additional sell by option would be more understandable to ordinary consumers and reduce waste in retail sectors.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Ken Schilz