

# One Hundred Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2022

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

### LB829

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**Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: March 02, 2022**

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

LB 829 is intended to clean-up certain animal cruelty statutes that currently include inadvertently limiting language.

Starting in 2008, Nebraska Judges have been allowed to impose animal ownership restrictions of up to fifteen years for individuals convicted of an animal cruelty felony charge and up to five years for the conviction of a Class 1 misdemeanor. In 2015, the legislature passed LB 605, which, among other things, changed the penalties for animal cruelty for cases involving torture, repeated beating, and mutilation; however, Nebraska State Statute 28-1019 was not properly matched to those changes. LB 829 is needed to match these two corresponding sections of statute for animal cruelty.

LB 829 also extends, from seven days to ten business days, the length of time a prosecutor has to file an application with the court for a hearing to determine disposition of seized animals and also for the court to make a decision on who incurs the cost for the care of the animals during the trial process.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Wendy DeBoer**