

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - Second Session - 2024

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB876

Chairperson: Senator Justin Wayne

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 07, 2024

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

LB 876 is a bill to expand Nebraska's Safe Haven law. In addition to hospitals, LB 876 would expand the authorized drop-off locations for parents of newborn infants to include staffed fire stations, staffed law enforcement agencies, and newborn safety devices. An infant may also be surrendered to a first responder, EMT or paramedic. The bill also changes the definition of newborn infant to children ninety days old or younger. A parent or other authorized person would be allowed to surrender a newborn infant ninety days old or younger without fear of prosecution.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Rick Holdcroft