

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - Second Session - 2024

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LR279CA

Chairperson: Senator Justin Wayne

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 28, 2024

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

LR279CA would require the Legislature to enact laws that provide a minimum criminal penalty of 25 years imprisonment for any individual convicted of assaulting a first responder that results in serious physical injury and a minimum criminal penalty of life imprisonment for any individual who is convicted of murder in the first degree or murder in the second degree of a first responder during the commission of another criminal offense.

The purpose of the resolution is to provide a safer working environment for Nebraska first responders. By prosecuting these crimes more seriously, the resolution disincentives dangerous criminal behavior.

This resolution directs the Legislature to enact all laws necessary to protect the physical security of first responders in this state.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Rick Holdcroft