

One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB500

Chairperson: Senator Laura Ebke

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: March 01, 2017

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

LB500 would bring Nebraska State Law into compliance with HR218, The Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004.

LB500 would allow "qualified law enforcement officers", meeting requirements as defined in both federal law and LB500, to carry their weapons concealed while off duty anywhere they could carry while uniformed or on duty (except schools per Section 28-1204.04 of the Nebraska revised statutes).

LB500 would further allow "qualified retired law enforcement officers", meeting requirements as defined in both federal law and LB500, to carry a concealed weapon anywhere they could carry before their retirement when they were uniformed or on duty.

LB500 would supersede any local carry restrictions in regards to these retired and active qualified law enforcement officers. This bill keeps Nebraska's current concealed carry permit system for other citizens. This bill does not change the law concerning people currently prohibited from carrying a handgun.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tom Brewer