

**One Hundred Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2022**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB876**

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**Chairperson: Senator Tom Briese**

**Committee: General Affairs**

**Date of Hearing: January 24, 2022**

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

LB 876 Is a bill to change and improve some of the provisions of the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act. The bill increases the number of required racing days, increases the one time fee for gaming operator licenses, and creates a self-exclusion list for people needing to have additional tools to assist them in their journey to overcome problem gambling. It also details additional requirements for anyone who wishes to submit an application for permission to build a new racetrack enclosure. The bill also increases criminal penalties for crimes in these sections from a Class I Misdemeanor to a Class IV Felony and allows the Commission to assess greater administrative fines and penalties against a licensed gaming operator if necessary.

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

**Senator Tom Briese**