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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB612

Chairman: Senator Les Seiler

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 27, 2015

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

Legislative Bill 612 amends Section 28-1409 to strengthen Nebraska's self-defense laws.

Section 28-1409 delineates the conditions that must be present when force, or deadly force, may be used and considered justifiable under the law. Currently, this section of Nebraska's self-defense statutes also requires that in certain circumstances a person must retreat from using force outside their home or business.

LB612 strengthens and clarifies when the use of deadly force is justifiable and when it is not justifiable. Moreover, it removes some of the requirements for a person to retreat when outside the home or place of employment.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Bill Kintner