

One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB68

Chairperson: Senator John Murante

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 10, 2017

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

Currently, local ordinances have created a patchwork of firearms laws throughout the state. Nebraskans need and deserve consistent firearms regulations across the state so law-abiding citizens may remain law-abiding citizens.

LB68 amends existing law to give the Nebraska Legislature the exclusive authority to regulate the ownership, possession, transportation, carrying, registration, transfer, and storage of firearms, ammunition, and firearms accessories. LB68 preserves local authority to regulate the discharge of firearms, to provide for appropriate zoning designations, and to enact and enforce policies relating to the use of firearms by local law enforcement agencies and other city employees. Adopting LB68 ensures consistent, statewide uniformity of laws for firearms owners and provides reasonable notice of the law to all citizens of Nebraska.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mike Hilgers