



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 1172

Chairperson: Philip Erdman
Committee: Agriculture
Date of Hearing: February 19, 2008

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

LB 1172 creates the Food Supply Animal Veterinary Incentive Program. This is a four year, \$80,000 incentive program for food supply veterinarians to locate and practice veterinary medicine full-time in underserved areas of our state. The bill addresses a homeland security problem that exists in rural Nebraska due to a critical shortage of practicing food supply veterinarians.

LB 1172 will be administered through the Department of Agriculture and funded by General Fund appropriations. Each year, four veterinarians will be selected to participate in this program. After completing each of the first two years of practice, the veterinarian will receive \$15,000. The veterinarian is eligible for \$25,000 after completing each of the final two years of this program.

The veterinarian must be a graduate from an approved veterinary medical school. He/She must be licensed to practice veterinary medicine in Nebraska to qualify. There are provisions to cancel this contract without penalty if certain conditions are met.

Principal Introducer:

Senator M.L. Dierks