



One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 463

Chairperson: Tim Gay
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: February 20, 2009

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

LB 463 authorizes individuals to be licensed animal therapists under the Uniform Credentialing Act. Licensed animal therapists are individuals who (1) are already licensed under the Uniform Credential Act under another health care profession, (2) have had additional training to apply their health care specialty to animals, and (3) is licensed as an animal therapist by the department.

Veterinarians (who chose to work with licensed animal therapists) may refer animals for care to licensed animal therapists. The licensed animal therapist must provide health care therapy reports to the referring veterinarian after each therapy session.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator M.L. Dierks