

**One Hundred Third Legislature - Second Session - 2014**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB677**

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**Chairperson: Senator Brad Ashford**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: February 05, 2014**

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

LB 677 would adopt the Nebraska Patent Abuse Prevention Act, which makes the bad faith assertion of patent infringement an enumerated violation of the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

LB 677 provides guidance to courts to determine whether a person has or has not made a bad faith assertion of patent infringement. Further, the bill creates a notification requirement whereby any person who sends 25 or more demand letters within Nebraska in any 365-day period must notify the Attorney General's Office.

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

**Senator Heath Mello**