

One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB420

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 08, 2013

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

The federal "DD Form 93" is used to designate a person authorized to direct disposition of military member's remains in event of death. This document is witnessed by an authorized military official and it is updated every year on the service member's birthday and prior to each deployment.

Nebraska law seems to require that the deceased completed a notarized affidavit and the DD Form 93 does not conform with this law. Given this conflict, legal battles have ensued between family and friends over the disposition of remains.

LB 420 seeks to clarify this conflict and specify that the DD Form 93 shall be legally recognized as an instrument to authorize an individual to direct the disposition a the decedent's body.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Amanda McGill