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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB884

Chairperson: Senator Ken Schilz

Committee: Agriculture

Date of Hearing: January 28, 2014

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

LB 884 is an attempt to be proactive in protecting the health and safety of Nebraska's livestock by more closely regulating the types of livestock animals being sold, purchased, bartered, or otherwise transferred through exotic animal auctions or swap meets, especially, sheep and goats.

The bill redefines and expands the Department of Agriculture's authority to regulate exotic animal auctions or swap meets by requiring each livestock animal changing ownership, be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, meaning those animals will be subject to veterinary inspection within 30 days of change of ownership.

LB 884 would also require these types of sales to register with the Department of Agriculture, like livestock markets do and retain or contract with a licensed accredited veterinarian to be available during each sale.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Thomas Hansen