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**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 831**

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**Chairperson:** Senator Curt Bromm  
**Committee:** Transportation and Telecommunications  
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The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 831 updates the state's Telephone Slamming Prevention Act (codified at Nev. Rev. Stat. § 86-1901 et seq.). The Act was passed by the Legislature in 1999 in response to the growing number of complaints about "slamming", the change in a subscriber's telecommunications carrier without the authorization of the telephone subscriber.

Last year, the FCC issued its First Order of Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 94-129, which revised and strengthened the application of the federal anti-slamming regulations. Among the most major changes was to eliminate the provision for carrier-to-carrier resolution of slamming complaints. In other words, subscribers who were slammed would no longer have to rely on the carriers resolving the matter between themselves, but could go directly to the state Commissions for assistance in resolving their slamming complaint. In addition, the FCC adopted other provisions to take the financial gain from carriers who made these unauthorized changes. One of the main provisions holds the consumer harmless for any calls billed by an unauthorized carrier in the first 30 days after the customer has been slammed.

LB 831 updates Nebraska statutes to eliminate those now outdated provisions for carrier-to-carrier resolution of slamming complaints and to allow the Commission to adopt rules and regulations that were consistent with federal law to attack the problem of slamming.

Finally, the bill exempts from slamming statutes those changes in a subscriber's carrier which result from a merger of companies, a sale of exchange, or a transfer of authority approved by the Commission.

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