

**ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE –
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION - 2008
COMMITTEE STATEMENT**

LB1

Hearing Date: November 17, 2008

Committee On: Judiciary

Introducer(s): (Speaker Flood)

Title: Change provisions relating to prohibitions on prosecution for leaving a child at a hospital

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Placed on General File with Amendments

Vote Results:

7 Yes	Sen. Lathrop, Sen. McGill, Sen. Pirsch, Sen. Schimek, Sen. McDonald, Sen. Chambers, Sen. Ashford
1 No	Sen. Pedersen
0 Absent	
0 Present, not voting	

Proponents:

Senator Flood
Tom Landry
Tim Jaccard
Sara Juster
April Blevins

Representing:

Introducer
HHS
National Safe Haven
Methodist Hospital
Citizen

Opponents:

Stacy Bleicher
Jim Blue
Kathy Moore
Sarah Helvey
Kathy Campbell
Peter Meyer
Bruce Riecker
Jean Merquardt

Representing:

American Academy of Pediatrics
CAFCON
Voices for Children
Appleseed
Bryan Medical Center
Citizen
NE Hospital Association
Citizen

Neutral:

Sara Chada
Don Kleine
Ann Schumacher
Laura Peet Erkes
Susane Haney
Topher Hansen
Diane Keller
Karen Authier
Lyman Wostrel

Representing:

OBGYN
County Attorney
President of Immanuel Hospital
Creighton Medical
Citizen
Behavior Health Care Providers
Healthy Family Projects
Executive Director, NE Children's Home Society
Citizen

Summary of purpose and/or change:

LB 1 is a bill introduced to provide that under section 29-121 of the Neb. Rev. Stat., No person shall be prosecuted for any crime based solely upon the act of leaving a child **seventy-two hours old or younger** in the custody of an employee on duty at a hospital licensed by the State of Nebraska. The hospital shall promptly contact appropriate authorities to take custody of the child. LB 1 also contains an emergency clause and will become effective upon being passed and approved according to law.

Explanation of amendments, if any:**Committee Amendment (AM 5)**

The Committee amended LB 1, by striking the word "seventy-two hours" on page 2, line 4, of the bill and replacing it with "thirty" days.

Senator Brad Ashford, Chairperson