

One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB491

Chairperson: Senator Laura Ebke

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: March 17, 2017

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

LB 491 would address a problem that rental property owners have with tenants who may misrepresent their pets as service animals. LB 491 would make it a Class III misdemeanor for a first offense, and a Class II misdemeanor for subsequent offenses for the action of misrepresenting pets as service animals. The bill would also make it a crime and apply the same penalties for an individual who misrepresents himself or herself as a trainer of service animals. LB 491 would use the definition of service animal found in 49-801.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator John McCollister