

# One Hundred Sixth Legislature - Second Session - 2020

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

### LB742

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**Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: February 26, 2020**

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

LB 742 amends sections 28-1009, 28-1012.01, and 28-1019, so that anyone who knowingly or recklessly, or cruelly neglects or abandons an animal can be charged with a Class I misdemeanor. If the abuse or neglect leads to the death of the animal, they can be charged with a Class IV felony.

If they are found guilty of the Class IV felony, the court can bar them from owning, possessing, or residing with any animals for up to 15 years. Those convicted of a Class IIIA felony under current cockfighting or dogfighting statutes could face the same restrictions.

LB742 also changes the length of time a county attorney has to file a motion to have animals removed from a home suspected of abuse from seven to 10 days.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Carol Blood