

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Special Session - 2024

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB52

Chairperson: Senator Justin Wayne

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: August 02, 2024

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

LB 52 seeks to legalize and regulate cannabis under the Cannabis Control Act and the Cannabis Conviction Clean Slate Act. The legislation reclassifies cannabis, removing it as a controlled substance, and establishes a comprehensive framework for the cultivation, distribution, and sale of cannabis. It creates the Nebraska Cannabis Enforcement Commission to oversee the industry, introduces specific licensing procedures, and sets forth penalties for violations, such as unauthorized possession and sales.

The Act requires cannabis enterprises to comply with stringent operational standards, including maintaining secure facilities, ensuring products are child-resistant, and preventing sales to individuals under twenty-one. It mandates the use of a seed-to-sale tracking system and imposes packaging and labeling requirements to ensure safety. Local and state bodies are given the authority to conduct investigations and enforce compliance, with strict penalties for false statements and unauthorized activities.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Justin Wayne