



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 1173

Chairperson: Joel Johnson
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: February 27, 2008

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

LB 1173 will amend the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act to include certified animal therapists. Licensed veterinarians may refer animals under their care to certified animal therapists, who will treat the animals by manipulation of body parts.

Only certified animal therapists may perform animal therapy. Animal therapy may be performed by the certified animal therapist if the following three conditions are met: (1) the therapy is consistent with the therapists training; (2) the owner of the animal presents to the certified animal therapist a letter of referral from the licensed veterinarian; and (3) the certified animal therapists provides treatment reports to the referring veterinarian.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator M.L. Dierks