



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 185**

Hearing Date: January 18, 2007
Committee On: Health and Human Services

Introducer(s): (Health and Human Services Committee)
Title: Change provisions relating to health and human services

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- X Advanced to General File
 - Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

7	Yes	Sen. Johnson, Erdman, Gay, Hansen, Howard, Stuthman, Pankonin
	No	
	Present, not voting	
	Absent	

Proponents:
Senator Johnson
Chris Peterson

Representing:
Introducer
Health and Human Services System

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:
Brendon Holt

Representing:
Nebraska Health Care Association

Summary of purpose and/or changes: LB 185 is the annual “cleanup bill” requested by the Nebraska Health and Human Services System (HHSS). The bill contains the emergency clause for portions of the bill and makes the following changes:

Medical Assistance Act (sections 1-3, 10, and 13)

The bill updates a reference to federal law in section 68-901. The bill makes technical changes to Medicaid estate recovery and spousal impoverishment provisions.

Birth Legitimization Records (section 4)

The bill permits HHSS to provide a copy of the evidence upon which a legitimization record has been created to the parent of the legitimized child, or to the child, if the child is 19 years of age or older.

Nursing Assistants (section 5)

The bill provides that a licensed registered nurse (RN) or licensed practical nurse (LPN) who has had his/her license revoked, suspended, or voluntarily surrendered may not act as a nursing assistant in a nursing home. A person's registration as a nursing assistance becomes null and void on the date that he/she becomes licensed as an RN or LPN. A person listed on the nursing assistant registry with a finding of conviction may appeal after one year to have the finding removed.

Medication Aides (sections 6, 7)

The bill provides that a licensed registered nurse (RN) or licensed practical nurse (LPN) who has had his/her license revoked, suspended, or voluntarily surrendered may not act as a medication aide. A person's registration as a medication aide becomes null and void on the date that he/she becomes licensed as an RN or LPN. A person whose registration as a medication aide has been denied, refused renewal, or removed from the medication aide registry may reapply to register or for a lifting of the disciplinary sanction after one year from the date the registration was denied, refused renewal, or removed from the registry.

Cancer Registries (sections 8, 9)

The bill updates an existing reference to cancer registries located in another state to also include cancer registries located outside of the United States.

Operative Dates/Emergency Clause (sections 10, 13)

Section 1 of the bill becomes operative with the emergency clause. Other sections become operative three calendar months after the Legislature adjourns.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Joel Johnson, Chairperson