



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008
Committee Statement
LB 48

Hearing Date: February 1, 2007
Committee On: Health and Human Services

Introducer(s): (Dierks)
Title: Exempt certified registered nurse anesthetists from certain radiation-use qualifications

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

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

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

Proponents:

Senator Dierks
Preston Renshaw, MD
Carly Runestad
Phil Powers
Tim Glidden

Representing:

Introducer
O’Neill Family Practice
Nebraska Hospital Association
Nebraska Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Nebraska Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Opponents:

Barbara Hurlbert
Phillip E. Essay, MD
Sheila Ellis
Diane Donovan
Charles Gregorisu, MD
John Massey

Representing:

Self
Self
Self
American Society Interventional Pain Physicians
Self
Nebraska Medical Association

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 48 amends the scope of practice for certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs). The bill permits CRNAs to “[administer] medication through the use of fluoroscopy to locate the precise point to inject such medication.” The bill exempts CRNAs from the qualification

requirements in rules and regulations of the Department of HHS Regulation and Licensure for the use of X-ray radiation-generating equipment.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The committee amendment (AM2405) replaces the bill as introduced. The amendment permits a certified registered nurse anesthetist to use fluoroscopy in conjunction with a licensed medical radiographer in connection with the performance of authorized duties and functions upon (1) the successful completion of appropriate education and training as approved jointly by the Department of Health and Human Services and Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and (2) an internal determination regarding the scope and supervision of such use in the particular hospital, office, or clinic where the CRNA practices and the use will occur.

The amendment permits medical radiographers to practice in conjunction with a CRNA, without the presence of a physician or other “licensed practitioner” as defined in the Medical Radiography Practice Act.

Senator Joel Johnson, Chairperson