



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
Committee Statement  
LB 631**

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**Hearing Date:** February 15, 2007  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services

**Introducer(s):** (Dierks)  
**Title:** Prohibit interchange of anti-epileptic drugs

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**Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

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

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| 5 | Yes                 | Senators Johnson, Erdman, Gay, Pankonin, Stuthman |
| 2 | No                  | Senators Hansen, Howard                           |
|   | Present, not voting |   |
|   | Absent              |   |
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**Proponents:**

Senator Dierks  
Richard J. Baltaro, M.D. PhD  
  
Sanjay P. Singh, M.D.  
Becky Andricks  
Vic Verni

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska Medical Association and Practicing  
Nebraska Physicians  
Epilepsy Foundation  
Epilepsy Foundation  
Epilepsy Foundation

**Opponents:**

Coleen Nielsen  
Gary Cheloha  
Michaela Valetin  
Bob Hallstrom

**Representing:**

Medco  
Health and Human Services System  
Blue Cross Blue Shield Nebraska  
Nebraska Pharmacists Association

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 631 relates to the Nebraska Drug Product Selection Act. The bill adds new definitions for “anti-epileptic drug,” “epilepsy,” and “interchange.” The bill would prohibit a pharmacist to

“interchange” an anti-epileptic drug without prior notification and the signed, informed consent of the prescribing practitioner and the patient or patient’s parent, legal guardian, or spouse.

“Interchange” is defined as “the substitution of one version of an anti-epileptic drug for the anti-epileptic drug originally prescribed, including (a) a generic for the prescribed brand, (b) a brand for the prescribed generic, (c) a generic by one manufacturer for a generic by a different manufacturer, (d) a different formulation of the prescribed anti-epileptic drug, or (e) a different anti-epileptic drug.”

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

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**Senator Joel Johnson, Chairperson**