



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

LB 885 expands the current definition of “prescription” to include an order for a single dose sample of a drug for research purposes. The bill is intended to assist in the use of blood testing equipment by emergency room physicians and other health care providers. Advancing technology, for example, has led to the development of more sophisticated testing devices to identify drugs or other substances in a patient’s blood. A single dose sample of a drug is necessary, however, to calibrate the device. Current Nebraska law does not allow a prescription to be written for a single-dose sample of a drug for such purpose.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

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Senator Joel Johnson, Chairperson