



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 236

Chairperson: Joel Johnson
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: February 14, 2007

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

The goal of LB 236 is to allow an individual to remain self-sufficient in his or her residence for as long as possible.

LB 236 amends section 71-6615 and 71-6720, Nebraska Revised Statutes, to make it clear that in-home personal care services are not governed by the provisions of the home health agency statutes. The bill defines in-home personal care services as those services which do not require medical or nursing judgment.

LB 236 provides for a check on age, character and criminal activity for those who wish to be an in-home personal care services worker, and provides that workers be able to submit proof of fulfillment of the checks to an in-home personal care services agency.

In order to provide for the safety of clients, the bill provides that an in-home services worker be able to speak and understand English or the language of the person for whom they are providing in-home services; that an in-home agency only employ persons who meet the requirements set forth in the bill and have had a criminal and driving record check.

The bill provides that an in-home services worker be allowed to give reminders to clients to self-administer medication or assist in the application of nontherapeutic topical ointments.

LB 236 is not intended to apply to the health maintenance activities performed by a designated care aid pursuant to section 71-1,132,30

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Joel T. Johnson