



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 283

Chairperson: Joel Johnson
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: January 24, 2007

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

LB 283 provides the following changes for medication aides, dining assistants and nursing assistants:

- Removes medication aides, dining assistants and nursing assistants from the fee structure as prescribed in Section 71-162 (1)(a) of the Uniform Licensing Law. This allows the Department authority to calculate the cost of credentialing medication aides, nurse aides and paid dining assistants using a different method than that which is authorized by this Section.
- Allows the Department to assess the portion of base cost, as described in 71-162.01, that is currently assessed to medication aides and being paid for, in part by General Funds, to the other professions and occupations listed in 71-162. The cost of medication aide credentialing would be paid initially with a combination of General Funds and fees, moving eventually to being paid by fees. This shift in assessment is justified since medication aides do not use the full scope of services as the other professions and occupations that share equally in paying for base cost. Removing medication aides from this statute enables the Department to more accurately assess the base cost portion of the credentialing system
- Changes medication aide renewal from the current triennial cycle to a biennial cycle. This change is part of the effort to move all professions in the Credentialing Division to biennial renewal.

Principal Introducer:

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