



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 373

Chairperson: Brad Ashford
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: February 7, 2007

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

LB 373 is intended to encourage open communication between medical providers and patients by allowing providers to express sympathy and apology in the event of an unanticipated, adverse medical outcome.

LB 373 bars the admission of any and all statements of “apology, fault, sympathy, commiseration, condolence, compassion or a general sense of benevolence” made by a health care provider to a patient, relative or representative of the patient, as a result of an unanticipated medical outcome as an admission of liability in a civil action or arbitration related to the civil action.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator DiAnna R. Schimek