



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 426

Chairperson: Joel Johnson
Committee: Health and Human Services
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 426 creates the Pharmacy Technician Act. The goal of this legislation is to establish a registry of all practicing pharmacy technicians in Nebraska. The Pharmacy Technician Act requires pharmacy technicians to register with the state of Nebraska within thirty days after being hired as pharmacy technicians in Nebraska. Technicians who are currently employed in Nebraska have thirty days after the effective date of the act to become registered.

All statutes that currently address pharmacy technicians have been moved to the Pharmacy Technician Act. No new requirements to their practice abilities or duties have been added. The Act includes a provision that allows technicians to report first hand knowledge of technicians or other licensed health care professionals for practicing impaired or for diverting medications. The Act also establishes procedures for disciplinary actions, removal from the registry, and reinstatement provisions. The Act allows pharmacy technicians to participate in the licensee assistance program described in Section 71-172.01.

LB 426 makes it a Class III misdemeanor to knowingly violate the provisions of the Pharmacy Technician Act.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Dave Pankonin