



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 513

Chairperson: Joel Johnson
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: February 21, 2007

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

LB513 requires direct billing of anatomic pathology services and prohibits physicians from billing for laboratory work they do not perform.

No licensed practitioner in the state shall directly or indirectly charge, bill, or otherwise solicit payment for anatomic pathology services unless such services were rendered personally by the licensed practitioner or under the licensed practitioner's direct supervision

The intent of this legislation is to reduce consumer healthcare costs by eliminating "markups" in a manner consistent with the American Medical Association Code of Medical Ethics.

The prohibition on referral physician billing for anatomic pathology services has been mandated under Federal Medicare law since 1984 and under Nebraska Medicaid regulation in order to reduce federal and state healthcare costs. This measure, therefore, seeks consistency with established Medicare and Medicaid billing practices.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Tony Fulton