

Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008 Introducer's Statement of Intent LB 730

Chairperson: Joel Johnson

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: January 23, 2008

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

LB 730 relates to the Emergency Medical Services Practice Act and would amend the names of the following licensure classifications of out-of-hospital emergency care providers:

- "first responder" becomes "emergency medical responder";
- "emergency medical technician-intermediate" becomes "advanced emergency medical technician"; and
- "emergency medical technician-paramedic" becomes "paramedic."

"Emergency medical technician" would stay the same in the Act.

Additionally, LB 730 replaces the U.S. Department of Transportation curricula for the above-mentioned licensure classifications in favor of a curricula reviewed and adopted by the Nebraska Board of Emergency Medical Services ("the Board"). The Board-established curricula for emergency medical responders and emergency medical technicians would include a skills competency test for licensure. This skills compency test would be a hands-on or oral test of a person's abilities to perform skills and to develop a treatment plan within the practices and procedures for the classification being tested.

Principal Introducer:	
	Senator Mike Flood