



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 797

Chairperson: Joel Johnson
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: January 23, 2008

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

LB 797 is the annual “cleanup” bill requested by the Department of Health and Human Services. The bill makes several technical changes to HHS-related statutes.

The bill updates a reference to federal law in the Medical Assistance Act.

The bill reinstates provisions of section 81-3109 which were outright repealed in LB 296 (2007) and originally adopted in LB 234 (2003) that require the Department of Health and Human Services to establish an administrative disqualification process for the Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) and child care subsidy programs.

The bill changes administrative references following reorganization of the Department of Health and Human Services (LB 296, 2007). In section 71-1901, the bill places the licensure of child care programs in the Division of Public Health within the department. In section 86-570, the Chief Executive Officer of the department or his or her designee is made a member of the Geographic Information System Steering Committee.

The bill makes technical changes to the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act (act). It updates a reference to existing law which is outright repealed on December 1, 2008, the effective date of LB 463 (2007). The bill changes references to “advanced practice registered nurse” to “nurse practitioner” to harmonize with changes made in LB 256 (2005) to expand the definition of “advanced practice registered nurse” to include more than just nurse practitioners.

The bill deletes provisions relating to the state screening mammography program to comport with federal law. The bill makes technical changes to statutes relating to the Breast and Cervical Cancer Advisory Committee found in sections 71-7010, 71-7012, and 71-7013 and outright repeals several sections.

The bill permits the department to release case specific, non-identifying trauma information to trauma quality assurance committees to enhance the flow of electronic information and improve the provision of emergency medical services and trauma care.

The bill permits the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR) to re-release case specific information received from the Nebraska Cancer Registry.

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