



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 885**

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**Chairperson:** Joel Johnson  
**Committee:** Health and Human Services  
**Date of Hearing:** January 30, 2008

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

LB 885 expands the current definition of “prescription” to include an order for a single dose sample of a drug for research purposes. The bill is intended to assist in the use of blood testing equipment by emergency room physicians. Advancing technology, for example, has led to the development of more sophisticated testing devices to identify drugs or other substances in a patient’s blood. A single dose sample of a drug is necessary, however, to calibrate the device. Current Nebraska law does not allow a prescription to be written for a single-dose sample of a drug for such purpose.

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