



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 972**

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**Chairperson:** Joel Johnson  
**Committee:** Health and Human Services  
**Date of Hearing:** February 13, 2008

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

LB 972 would require that optometrists from other jurisdictions applying for licensure in Nebraska must have been actively engaged in the practice of optometry for at least two of the three years immediately preceding the application for licensure. The applicant also must provide evidence of being credentialed in another state which indicates licensure at the highest level recognized by the other state and which is approved by the Board of Optometry.

Under LB 972, continuing competency requirements could be waived for an individual submitting proof that he or she was suffering from a serious or disabling condition which prevented the completion of requirements within the previous twenty-four months, or who was initially licensed in the preceding twenty-six months.

**Principal Introducer:**

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**Senator Tim Gay**