

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB551

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 10, 2009
Committee On: Banking, Commerce and Insurance
Introducer: White
One Liner: Extend the limiting age on sickness and accident insurance policies

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Christensen, Gloor, Langemeier, McCoy, Pahls, Pankonin,
Pirsch, Utter

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Tom White
Janis McKenzie

Representing:

Introducer
NE Insurance Federation

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Curt Bromm

Representing:

AFLAC

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 551 (White) would amend section 44-710.01 regarding individual sickness and accident insurance policies and section 44-761 regarding group sickness and accident insurance policies to extend the limiting age for unmarried dependent children under family coverage. Currently, a policy must contain a provision that coverage may include, among others, any children under a specified age which shall not exceed twenty-three years. The bill would change this to any children through a specified age, which shall include children through twenty-three years of age, or if unmarried, through twenty-nine years of age. The bill would allow additional premium to be charged for coverage beyond twenty three years of age up to twenty-nine years of age to be paid by the individual policyholder or by the employee or member.

The bill would provide that it becomes operative on July 1, 2009.

The bill carries the emergency clause.

Rich Pahls, Chairperson