



**One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009**  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 394**

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**Chairperson:** Tim Gay  
**Committee:** Health and Human Services  
**Date of Hearing:** January 29, 2009

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

American Medical Association (AMA) ethics policy requires referring physicians to disclose certain information regarding the provider and actual cost of laboratory services. LB394 provides clarification on the applicability of this AMA policy by expressly codifying an enforceable requirement that the referring physician disclose to the patient: 1) the name of the pathologist or laboratory that actually performed the anatomic pathology service and 2) the actual amount paid for such service in the patient's billing statement. The bill does not prohibit referring physicians from adding an acquisition or processing charge, provided it is denoted with the appropriate CPT code, consistent with AMA coding guidance and ethics policy.

The disclosure requirement of LB 394 ensures transparency and provides enhanced regulatory oversight for the billing of these healthcare services so as to promote compliance with Nebraska law and to deter abusive or improper markup billing practices.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator Tony Fulton**