

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB179

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 26, 2011
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Krist
One Liner: Change pharmacy provisions

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Bloomfield, Campbell, Cook, Gloor, Howard, Krist, Wallman
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Senator Bob Krist Joni Cover Bill Mueller Kathy Siefken	Representing: District #10 Nebraska Pharmacists Association Pharmaceutical Research Manufacturers of America Nebraska Grocery Industry Association
--	---

Opponents:	Representing:
-------------------	----------------------

Neutral:	Representing:
-----------------	----------------------

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 179 removes the requirement that all prescriptions for controlled substances in Schedule II of Section 28-405 have the practitioner filling the prescription write the date of filling and his or her own signature on the face of the prescription.

Also, the bill adds to the Pharmacy Practice Act and the Uniform Credentialing Act the definition of "drug sample or sample medication." Additionally, LB 179 removes from Section 38-2851 (2) (d) the requirement that an applicant prove to the department, with the recommendation of the Board, that he or she has passed an examination within the last three years, been active in the practice of pharmacy for one of the last three years, has been certified within seven years in a recognized specialty, or has completed continuing competency in pharmacy approved by the Board. The bill provides, instead, that the Board of Pharmacy may recommend for licensure as a pharmacist, without examination, a person who is licensed as a pharmacist by examination in another state or jurisdiction in which, under like conditions, licensure without examination is granted to pharmacists duly licensed by examination in this state. The applicant shall produce evidence satisfactory to the board of having had the required professional education and training and of having been a licensed pharmacist in good standing in another state or jurisdiction.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 124 to LB 179 changes the definition of drug sample to reflect the definition of drug sample and sample unit label currently in federal law. Additionally, the amendment changes Section 5 of the bill to clarify how a pharmacist becomes licensed in Nebraska as well as explicit language regarding pharmacist licensure by reciprocity. This language addresses both licensure by exam or score transfer and licensure by reciprocity.

Kathy Campbell, Chairperson