ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB406

Hearing Date: Friday March 04, 2011 **Committee On:** Health and Human Services

Introducer: Cook

One Liner: Provide for reentry licenses under the Medicine and Surgery Practice Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Bloomfield, Campbell, Cook, Gloor, Howard, Krist, Wallman

Nay: Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Tanya Cook District #13

David Buntain Nebraska Medical Association

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 406 provides that the Department of Health and Human Services, with the recommendation of the Board of Examiners in Medicine and Surgery, may issue a reentry license to a physician who has not actively practiced medicine for the two-year period immediately preceding the filing, or who has not otherwise maintained continued competency during a period determined by the board.

To qualify for a reentry license the physician shall meet the same requirements for licensure as a regular licensee and submit to evaluations, assessments, and an educational program as required by the board. If, after conducting an assessment, the board determines the applicant should be supervised prior to licensing, the board, with the department's recommendation, may issue a reentry license requiring supervision. After satisfactorily completing the supervised practice for the time specified by the board, the reentry licensee may apply to the department to convert the reentry license to a license.

The reentry license shall be valid for one year and may be renewed up to two additional years, if approved by the department with the recommendation of the board. The issuance of a reentry license shall not constitute a disciplinary action.

Kathy Campbell, Chairperson