

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 237**

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Committee: Health and Human Services

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to prescription drugs; to state intent; and to  
2 provide for creation of a prescription drug monitoring  
3 program.

4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. It is the intent of the Legislature that an  
2 entity described in section 2 of this act establish a system of  
3 prescription drug monitoring for the purposes of (1) preventing the  
4 misuse of prescription drugs in an efficient and cost-effective  
5 manner and (2) allowing doctors and pharmacists to monitor the care  
6 and treatment of patients for whom a prescription drug is prescribed  
7 to ensure that prescription drugs are used for medically appropriate  
8 purposes and that the State of Nebraska remains on the cutting edge  
9 of medical information technology.

10           Sec. 2. The Department of Health and Human Services, in  
11 collaboration with the Nebraska Health Information Initiative or any  
12 successor public-private statewide health information exchange, shall  
13 enhance or establish technology for prescription drug monitoring to  
14 carry out the purposes of section 1 of this act. The department may  
15 adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to authorize use of  
16 electronic health information, if necessary to carry out the purposes  
17 of this act.