

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 542**

Introduced by Howard, 9.

Read first time January 18, 2011

Committee: Health and Human Services

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act; to  
2 amend section 71-401, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
3 Supplement, 2010; to require general acute hospitals to  
4 offer vaccinations and to require hospital employees to  
5 be vaccinated or decline in writing; to harmonize  
6 provisions; and to repeal the original section.

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

1           Section 1. Section 71-401, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
2 Supplement, 2010, is amended to read:

3           71-401 Sections 71-401 to 71-465 and section 2 of this  
4 act shall be known and may be cited as the Health Care Facility  
5 Licensure Act.

6           Sec. 2. Each general acute hospital shall take all of the  
7 following actions in accordance with the guidelines of the Centers  
8 for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Public Health  
9 Service of the United States Department of Health and Human Services  
10 as the guidelines existed on January 1, 2011:

11           (1) Annually offer onsite influenza vaccinations, if  
12 available, to all hospital employees; and

13           (2) Require all hospital employees to be vaccinated  
14 against influenza or, if an employee elects not to be vaccinated, to  
15 declare in writing that he or she has declined the influenza  
16 vaccination.

17           Sec. 3. Original section 71-401, Revised Statutes  
18 Cumulative Supplement, 2010, is repealed.