

# **One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB646**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: March 02, 2011**

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

Legislative Bill 646 redefines an Emergency Medical Service. Nebraska Statute, section 38-1207, currently defines an Emergency Medical Service as an organization responding to a perceived individual need for immediate medical care in order to prevent loss of life or aggravation of physiological or psychological illness or injury.

LB646 removes the word "immediate", which would allow an Emergency Medical Service to provide the same medical services in a non-emergency setting on a scheduled or on-call basis. This change would not alter the scope of practice for the level the service is licensed at, and would continue to require that the service and its employees operate under the supervision of a Physician Medical Director and the Nebraska Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board, as currently defined in related statutes.

In addition, this change would allow an Emergency Medical Service to provide education and follow up patient care in a non-emergency or non-hospital setting helping to increase access to care and to lower costs to both the patient and the medical providers. This is especially critical to rural and under-served areas of the State.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Mark Christensen**