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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB567

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 11, 2015

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

According to the Nebraska Board of Pharmacy, Nebraska has 522 licensed pharmacies. These pharmacies, located across the state, afford patients access to health care advice and prescription drug services. Current statute, found in Neb. Rev. Statutes 28-414.01, stipulates that original prescription information for any controlled substance found in Schedules III, IV, or V of Neb. Rev. Statutes 28-405 may be transferred between pharmacies for purposes of refill dispensing pursuant to law.

Patients can request that their prescription be transferred for many reasons. What is not clear under current law is whether the transfer is permitted for the initial prescription issued, or if it only addresses refills.

While the law does not address such transfer of an initial prescription, state pharmacy standards of practice appear to allow the transfer. LB 567 seeks to establish legislative intent of the law and to clarify the section.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Jerry Johnson