

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB840

Chairperson: Senator Jim Scheer

Committee: Banking, Commerce and Insurance

Date of Hearing: January 26, 2016

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

Legislative Bill 840, introduced on behalf of the Director of Insurance, amends Neb.Rev.Stat. §§ 44-1305 and 44-1307, which are provisions of the Health Carrier External Review Act. Current law provides health carrier thirty days to respond to an internal grievance filed by a covered person under the Health Carrier External Review Act, however the internal grievance law, Neb.Rev.Stat. § 44-7308, requires health carriers to respond within fifteen working days.

Because the statutes are in conflict, the intent of LB 840 is to harmonize the law to the stricter standard, fifteen business days, which is the practice of the health insurance industry.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Nicole Fox