

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB19

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 18, 2017
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Kolterman
One Liner: Change requirements for the practice of acupuncture

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Crawford, Erdman, Howard, Kolterman, Linehan, Riepe, Williams
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Mark Kolterman
Donna Huber

Maureen Feeney

Kim Robak

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Association
Nebraska Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Association
Nebraska Medical Association

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 19 will allow licensed acupuncturists to treat patients without a referral from a doctor, osteopath or chiropractor. It also requires acupuncturists to refer patients to the appropriate medical practitioner for any problem outside of their training and abilities to treat.

The bill would provide, section by section, as follows:

Section 1 would amend 38-2058 of the Medicine and Surgery Practice Act, to allow an acupuncturist to treat a patient that was not referred to them in the last 90 days by a medical doctor, osteopath or chiropractor. Requires acupuncturists to refer patients when the treatment they need is outside of the acupuncturists training, experience and competence.

Section 2 repeals original sections.

Merv Riepe, Chairperson