

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2018
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB933

Hearing Date: Friday January 26, 2018
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Lindstrom
One Liner: Provide prescription requirements for certain controlled substances

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Baker, Chambers, Ebke, Halloran, Hansen, Krist, Morfeld,
Pansing Brooks

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Brett Lindstrom
Andy Hale
Gregory Lauby
Kim Robak

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Hospital Association
self
Nebraska Dental Association

Opponents:

John Massey

Representing:

Nebraska Medical Association

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill would place restrictions on healthcare practitioners desiring to prescribe a controlled substance listed on Schedule II of the Controlled Substances Act or any other opiate not listed in Schedule II. In order to lawfully prescribe such drug, the practitioner must first discuss certain information with the patient, or with the patient's parent or guardian if the patient is younger than eighteen years old and is not emancipated.

The healthcare practitioner would be required to discuss the following topics: risks of addiction and overdose, reasons why the practitioner deems the prescription necessary, and alternative treatments that may be available. Such discussions would be required prior to the first prescription and again prior to issuing a third prescription to the patient. The practitioner would be required to include a note in the patient's medical record confirming that the mandated discussion occurred.

Laura Ebke, Chairperson