

# **One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017**

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

### **LB360**

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**Chairperson: Senator Merv Riepe**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: March 16, 2017**

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

LB360 adopts the Surgical Technologist Registry Act and is the result of a recommendation from the Surgical Technologist 407 process by the Department of Health and Human Services. During that 407 review, the problem of physicians delegating tasks to unlicensed personnel was brought to light. Nebraska is the only state in the country that does not have a statute that deals with this delegation issue. Instead, we rely on very old case law from 1898 that seems to tell us that such delegation is not allowed, even though we know it happens every day in hospitals and surgical centers all across the state. By establishing a registry for surgical technologists, it will help to ensure quality patient care for every surgical patient in the state.

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

Senator Mark Kolterman