

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

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB7**

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**Chairperson: Senator Laura Ebke**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: January 18, 2017**

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

LB 7 would ensure the suspension of Medicaid issued medical assistance when a person who is qualified to receive assistance enters a public institution as a detainee, as is general practice under federal law, and a suspension will last until the person is no longer a detainee or one year after said person has been a detainee. This shall be done through the notification to the Department of Health and Human Services to both suspend and reinstate medical assistant benefits to current and former inmates.

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

**Senator Bob Krist, District 10**