

**One Hundred Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2021**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB569**

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**Chairperson: Senator John Arch**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: February 04, 2021**

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

LB569 adds a definition for Lyme disease to Nebraska statute and also authorizes antibiotic therapy treatment for the disease. Under LB569, If a credentialed physician diagnoses a patient with Lyme disease, the physician may prescribe, administer, or dispense long-term antibiotic therapy for a therapeutic purpose to eliminate infection or control a patient's symptoms if such a diagnosis and treatment are documented in the patient's medical record by the prescribing licensed physician.

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

**Senator Patty Pansing Brooks**