

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA
ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION
LEGISLATIVE BILL 237
Final Reading

Introduced by Howard, 9; Pirsch, 4.

Read first time January 11, 2011

Committee: Health and Human Services

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to prescription drugs; to state intent; and to
- 2 provide for creation of a prescription drug monitoring
- 3 program.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. It is the intent of the Legislature that an
2 entity described in section 2 of this act establish a system of
3 prescription drug monitoring for the purposes of (1) preventing the
4 misuse of prescription drugs in an efficient and cost-effective
5 manner and (2) allowing doctors and pharmacists to monitor the care
6 and treatment of patients for whom a prescription drug is prescribed
7 to ensure that prescription drugs are used for medically appropriate
8 purposes and that the State of Nebraska remains on the cutting edge
9 of medical information technology.

10 Sec. 2. The Department of Health and Human Services, in
11 collaboration with the Nebraska Health Information Initiative or any
12 successor public-private statewide health information exchange, shall
13 enhance or establish technology for prescription drug monitoring to
14 carry out the purposes of section 1 of this act. No state funding
15 shall be used to implement or operate the prescription drug
16 monitoring system provided for in this section. The department may
17 adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to authorize use of
18 electronic health information, if necessary to carry out the purposes
19 of this act.