

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB344

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 27, 2013
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Sullivan
One Liner: Change moratorium exceptions for long-term care beds

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Campbell, Cook, Crawford, Gloor, Howard, Krist, Watermeier
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Senator Kate Sullivan Ron Jensen Kurt Carraher Tom Boyer Michael Harris Nick Faustman	Representing: District #41 Leading Age Nebraska Spalding Community Development Committee Spalding Community Development Committee Rural Health Development / Ron Ross Nebraska Nursing Facility Association / Nebraska Assisted Living Association
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Opponents: **Representing:**

Neutral: **Representing:**

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 344 provides that the department shall waive the certificate of need limitations for development and licensure of a long-term care facility, as specified in the bill, for a political subdivision or a nonprofit organization in the city of the second class or village. The waiver of certificate of need may occur if all the long-term care beds in a licensed facility located in the city of the second class or village have been sold or transferred, outside a twenty-five mile radius of the city, resulting in no licensed long-term care beds within the city. The political subdivision or nonprofit organization must agree not to sell long-term care beds licensed under such waiver, or increase the number of long-term care beds, until five years have passed. The number of licensed long-term care beds in the facility must be limited to the number of long-term care beds sold or transferred.

Explanation of amendments:

The Committee Amendment makes a technical change to LB 344. The amendment corrects the reference from Neb. Rev. Statute 71-5829.03 (3) that provides for certificate of need for rehabilitation beds to (2) the reference for certificate of need for long-term care beds, the subject of LB 344.

Kathy Campbell, Chairperson