

**One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB326**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: February 01, 2013**

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

LB 326 makes changes to the definition of "supervision" (Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 38-2845) and "verification" (Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 38-2847) in the Pharmacy Practice Act, to allow for supervision of pharmacy technicians via real-time auditory and video communication system, and verification of tasks performed via the use of technology.

LB 326 amends the Automated Medication Systems Act to allow for automated medication systems to be registered and operated in a long-term care automated pharmacy located in along-term care facility. The operation of the automated medication system is the responsibility of the pharmacist in charge of the retail pharmacy that owns and registers the automated medication system and the inventory used in the long-term care automated pharmacy. Policies and procedures are outlined for the operation and oversight of the long-term care automated pharmacy.

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

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