

**ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB264**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday March 05, 2015  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Morfeld  
**One Liner:** Provide for issuance of credentials under the Uniform Credentialing Act based on military education, training, or experience

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

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 7 Senators Baker, Campbell, Cook, Crawford, Howard, Kolterman, Riepe  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Verbal Testimony:**

<b>Proponents:</b> Senator Adam Morfeld Paul Cohen Jerry Stilmock  Martin Dempsey	<b>Representing:</b> District 46 Military Officers Association of Nebraska Nebraska State Volunteer; Nebraska Fire Chiefs Association Self
<b>Opponents:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
<b>Neutral:</b> Joseph Acierno	<b>Representing:</b> DHHS

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

The bill seeks to address the high unemployment of military veterans and their spouses by amending the minimum standards required for a credential in the health professions.

Section-by-section description:

Section (1): Incorporates section (3) of this bill into the Uniform Credentialing Act

Section (2): Amends 38-126 of the Uniform Credentialing Act, describing the minimum standards required for a credential

Section (3): Adds language regarding DHHS acceptance of certain education, training, and service in the US armed forces towards the particular credential

Section (4): Repealer

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM798 shifts the burden of proving satisfactory military education, training, or service from each individual applicant to the department and applicable board, for all similarly situated applicants, to allow the department to make the credentialing decision based on standard criteria for education, training, or service.

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Kathy Campbell, Chairperson