

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB283

Hearing Date: Friday February 03, 2017
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Riepe
One Liner: Change and eliminate provisions relating to licensed practical nurses

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Crawford, Erdman, Howard, Kolterman, Linehan, Riepe, Williams
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Merv Riepe
Karen Weidner

Crystal Higgins
Linda Stones
Heath Boddy

Kim Robak

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Board of Nursing; Northeast Community College
Southeast Community College
Nebraska Nurses Association
Licensed Practical Nurse Association of Nebraska;
Nebraska Health Care Association
Nebraska Medical Association

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 283 would allow intravenous therapy by licensed practical nurses and eliminates the Licensed Practical Nurse-Certified Practice Act.

A Licensed Practical Nurse under this bill may provide intravenous therapy if he/she holds (a) holds a valid license issued before May 1, 2016, by the department pursuant to the Licensed Practical Nurse-Certified Practice Act as such act existed on such date, (b) graduates from an approved program of practical nursing on or after May 1, 2016, or (c) holds a valid license as a licensed practical nurse issued on or before May 1, 2016, and completes, within five years after the operative date of this section, (i) an eight-hour didactic course in intravenous therapy which shall include, but not be limited to, peripheral intravenous lines, central lines, and legal aspects of intravenous therapy and (ii) an approved employer-specific intravenous therapy skills course.

LB 283 provides that a Licensed Practical Nurse who is not required to provide intravenous therapy in the course of employment is not required to complete an employer specific intravenous therapy skills course.

SECTION BY SECTION:

Section 1: Amends Section 38-101 to strike the Licensed Practical Nurse Certified Practice Act from the Uniform Credentialing Act.

Section 2: Amends Section 38-121 to strike licensed practical nurse-certified under the Uniform Credentialing Act.

Section 3: Amends Section 38-186 to renumber sections.

Section 4: Amends Section 38-2201 to add sections to Nurse Practice Act.

Section 5: Amends Section 38-2211 to add intravenous therapy to responsibilities if requirements are met.

Section 6: Adds requirements for licensed practical nurses to provide intravenous therapy. A Licensed Practical Nurse under this bill may provide intravenous therapy if he/she holds (a) holds a valid license issued before May 1, 2016, by the department pursuant to the Licensed Practical Nurse-Certified Practice Act as such act existed on such date, (b) graduates from an approved program of practical nursing on or after May 1, 2016, or (c) holds a valid license as a licensed practical nurse issued on or before May 1, 2016, and completes, within five years after the operative date of this section, (i) an eight-hour didactic course in intravenous therapy which shall include, but not be limited to, peripheral intravenous lines, central lines, and legal aspects of intravenous therapy and (ii) an approved employer-specific intravenous therapy skills course.

Section 7: Amends Section 38-2216 to strike administration of the Licensed Practical Nurse Certified Practice Act from duties required by the Board.

Section 8: Renewal action for certified licensed practical nurses on or after November 1, 2017.

Section 9: Operative dates.

Section 10: Repeal Sections 38-101, 38-121, 38-186, and 38-2216.

Section 11: Repeal Sections 38-2201 and 38-2211.

Section 12: Repeal Sections 38-1601, 38-1602, 38-1603, 38-1604, 38-1605, 38-1606, 38-1607, 38-1608, 38-1609, 38-1610, 38-1611, 38-1612, 38-1613, 38-1614, 38-1615, 38-1616, 38-1617, 38-1618, 38-1619, 38-1620, 38-1621, 38-1622, 38-1623, 38-1624, and 38-1625.

Merv Riepe, Chairperson