

**ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2018**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB701**

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**Hearing Date:** Friday January 26, 2018  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Kolterman  
**One Liner:** Provide for telehealth practice by physicians and physician assistants

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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 Crawford, Erdman, Howard, Kolterman, Linehan, Riepe, Williams  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Verbal Testimony:**

<b>Proponents:</b> Senator Mark Kolterman Claudia Duck Tucker Mick Mines Dr. Robert Rhodes Andy Hale	<b>Representing:</b> Introducer Teladoc NAIFA Nebraska Medical Association Nebraska Hospital Association
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<b>Opponents:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
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<b>Neutral:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 701 amends the Uniform Credentialing Act to add definitions of "telehealth" and "telemonitoring." Allows a physician or physician assistant to establish a provider-patient relationship through telehealth. Allows a licensed physician or licensed physician assistant to prescribe drugs through telehealth if within the scope of practice. Mandates the Department to promulgate rules and regulations.

**SECTION BY SECTION:**

Section 1: Amends Section 38-101 to add sections to the Uniform Credentialing Act.

Section 2: Amends Section 38-105 to add definition sections to Uniform Credentialing Act.

Section 3: Defines "telehealth."

Section 4: Defines "telemonitoring."

Section 5: Amends Section 38-2001 to add sections to the Medicine and Surgery Practice Act.

Section 6: Allows a physician or physician assistant to establish a provider-patient relationship through telehealth.

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Allows a licensed physician or licensed physician assistant to prescribe drugs through telehealth if within the scope of practice. Mandates the Department to promulgate rules and regulations.

Section 7: Repeals Sections 38-2001, 38-101 and 38-105.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

On Page 4, Line 16, AM 1880 strikes "shall" and replaces the word with "may".

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Merv Riepe, Chairperson