

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2018
COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)
LB788

Hearing Date: Thursday January 18, 2018
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Riepe
One Liner: Require continuing education for health care professionals regarding opiate prescriptions

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

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

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:
Senator Merv Riepe
Stephen Lazoritz
Edward Truemper
David O'Doherty

Representing:
Introducer
Nebraska Medical Association
Self
Nebraska Dental Association

Opponents:
Lance Roasa

Representing:
Nebraska Veterinary Medicine Association

Neutral:
Tiffany Olson

Representing:
Nebraska Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 788 requires nurse midwives, nurse anesthetists, dentists, physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, podiatrists and veterinarians to enroll in at least five hours of continuing education regarding the prescribing and administering opiates, the risks and indicators regarding development of addiction to opiates, and emergency opiate situations every two years. Two of the five hours shall cover the prescription drug monitoring program.

SECTION BY SECTION:

Section 1: Amends Section 38-145 to require nurse midwives, nurse anesthetists, dentists, physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, podiatrists and veterinarians have to obtain five continuing education hours regarding prescribing and administering opiates, the risks and indicators regarding development of addiction to opiates, and emergency opiate situations. Allows continuing education to included education regarding prescribing and administering opiates and two of the five hours must be over prescription drug monitoring program.

Section 2: Repeals Section 38-145.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 2184 is a white copy amendment that removes nurse anesthetist. Adds only practitioners that prescribed controlled substances are required to complete the continuing education. Reduces the prescription drug monitoring program continuing education requirement from two hours to one-half hour. Section terminates on January 1, 2029.

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Section 2: Repeals Section 38-145.

Merv Riepe, Chairperson