



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008
Committee Statement
LB 550

Hearing Date: February 7, 2007
Committee On: Health and Human Services

Introducer(s): (Johnson)
Title: Provide for sale of prescription drugs to animal owners

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - X Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

7	Yes	Senator(s): Johnson, Erdman, Hansen, Howard, Gay, Pankonin, Stuthman
	No	
	Present, not voting	
	Absent	

Proponents:
Duane Gangwish

Representing:
Nebraska Cattlemen

Opponents:
Larry Williams
Joni Cover

Representing:
Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association
Nebraska Pharmacists Association

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 550 adds new provisions to the Wholesale Drug Distributor Licensing Act. The bill provides the following conditions under which drugs labeled for veterinary use may be sold or delivered under the act:

1. A licensed veterinarian must have issued, prior to the sale or delivery, a written prescription order for the drug “in the course of an existing, valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship.”
 2. The original order must be retained on the premises of the wholesale drug distributor for two years after the date of the last transaction affecting the order.
 3. The drugs, prior to distribution, may not be repackaged or dispensed by the wholesale drug distributor, and, once distributed, may not be returned to the wholesale drug distributor for resale or redistribution.
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4. Unless the veterinarian specifies a shorter expiration date, a prescription order issued by the veterinarian will become void 6 months after the date of issue if the order is for a non-prescription drug or for a Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substance.

5. A wholesale drug distributor may not distribute larger quantities than the order authorizes.

6. The original order must be retained on the premises of the wholesale drug distributor and filed by client name and the invoices for each distribution authorized by the order must be attached to the order.

7. A wholesale drug distributor must retain a drug distribution log. Contents of the log are prescribed.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Joel Johnson, Chairperson