

# **One Hundred Second Legislature - Second Session - 2012**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB1032**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: February 16, 2012**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

This bill is intended to assure that patients have accurate information about the training and education of health care providers who are providing medical care to them. The bill amends the current section of the Uniform Credentialing Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §38-105, governing identification of credential holders as it applies to those health care providers who have direct patient care interactions. The bill would require these providers to clearly identify themselves in three areas.

First, LB 1032 requires health care providers to identify the type of health care credential they hold in all advertising and refrain from including in such advertising any deceptive or misleading information, or information which misstates, falsely describes, or falsely represents the provider's skills, training, expertise, education, board certification or credential.

Second, LB 1032 requires health care providers who have patient-care interactions to wear name tags which clearly identify the type of credential held by that provider. The requirement to wear a name tag would not apply if it is precluded by applicable sterilization or isolation protocols.

Third, LB 1032 requires health care providers to display a statement of the credential which the provider holds in each office in which the provider has patient care interactions.

LB 1032 further requires students or residents in medical treatment to identify themselves as a student or resident as authorized by their respective practice acts; does not change the applicability of §38-105 to health professions which do not provide direct patient care interactions; and makes violations of §38-105, as amended, unprofessional conduct under the Uniform Credentialing Act.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

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