

**Legislature - First Session - 2015**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB107**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: January 22, 2015**

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

LB 107 provides for the removal of the integrated practice agreement to bring the Nurse Practitioner Practice Act in line with the future of collaborative models of health care to achieve the best safety and wellness outcomes for all Nebraska patients.

Nurse practitioners are a vital member of the health care provider continuum and function in numerous specialty and general practice roles. The passage of LB 107 would help address the primary care and mental health shortages in rural and urban areas, as well as increase the retention and recruitment of nurse practitioners in Nebraska.

LB 107 includes a transition to practice agreement for new nurse practitioners under a supervising provider. Under the bill, a physician or nurse practitioner with at least 10,000 hours of practice as a nurse practitioner can serve as the supervising provider for the transition to practice agreement.

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

**Senator Sue Crawford**