

# COMMITTEE STATEMENT

## LB 366

HEARING DATE: January 28, 1999

COMMITTEE ON: Health and Human Services

TITLE: (Suttle ) Change provisions governing the practice of psychology

### ROLL CALL VOTE – FINAL COMMITTEE ACTION

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Advanced to General File

Advanced to General File with Amendments

Indefinitely Postponed

#### Vote Results:

7 Yes Senators Jensen, Byars, Dierks, Price, Suttle, Thompson, Tyson

No

Present, not voting

Absent

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#### PROPOSERS

Senator Deb Suttle

Laurel Van Ham

Stephanie Snell

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#### REPRESENTING

Principal Introducer

Nebraska Psychological Association

Nebraska Psychological Association

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#### OPPOSERS

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#### REPRESENTING

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#### NEUTRAL

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#### SUMMARY OF PURPOSE AND/OR CHANGES:

LB 366 provides for a provisional license to practice psychology. Provisional licensure is made available to those who have not yet completed a required year of supervised postdoctoral experience in order to receive their license to practice psychology. LB 366, page 2, lines 1-5.

An applicant for a provisional license must meet the following criteria: (1) a doctoral degree from an American Psychological Association (APA) accredited program or its equivalent. If equivalence is not shown, the applicant must have a certificate of retraining

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from a respecialization program that meets APA standards; (2) one year of supervised professional internship experience; (3) must apply within 60 days of the effective date of the act, or any time after the effective date, but before beginning the required year of postdoctoral experience (if the applicant hasn't already begun the required year on the effective date); (4) be of good moral character; (5) submit certain documentation to the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure. LB 366, page 2, lines 4-28; page 3, lines 1-8.

The department must approve or deny a completed application within 150 days after receiving it. LB 366, page 3, lines 9-11.

The licensee must use the title "Provisionally Licensed Psychologist" (PLP). A PLP must disclose supervisory relationships to clients or patients for whom supervision is required, and to third parties when relevant. A PLP is not allowed to supervise other mental health professionals or independently evaluate persons under the Mental Health Commitment Act. LB 366, page 3, lines 12-19.

A provisional license to practice psychology expires when upon receipt of a license to practice psychology or two after issuance, whichever comes first. LB 366, page 3, lines 20-22.

EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENTS, IF ANY:

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Senator Jim Jensen, Chairperson