

AMENDMENTS TO LB 692

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM0781)

1 1. Insert the following new sections:

2 "Section 1. Section 71-1627, Reissue Revised Statutes of
3 Nebraska, is amended to read:

4 71-1627. ~~Any~~ Subject to section 71-1628.01, any county
5 or group of counties may establish a county or district health
6 department with a health director at its head, who shall be
7 required to give his or her entire time to the duties of the
8 office, and such other necessary qualified full or part-time health
9 officers, environmental health specialists, public health nurses,
10 health educators, and clerical assistants as may be necessary to
11 carry on the activities pertinent to a county or district health
12 department.

13 Sec. 2. Section 71-1628, Revised Statutes Supplement,
14 2000, is amended to read:

15 71-1628. ~~The~~ Subject to section 71-1628.01 the county
16 board of any county may (1) make an agreement with the Department
17 of Health and Human Services, the Department of Health and Human
18 Services Regulation and Licensure, or the Department of Health and
19 Human Services Finance and Support relative to the expenditure of
20 local, state, federal, and other funds or any combination thereof,
21 available for public health in such county; (2) after notice and
22 public hearing, establish and maintain a single full-time local
23 health department for such county and any other counties which

1 combine for that purpose and, pursuant to such combination or
2 agreement, such counties may cooperate with one another and the
3 Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure
4 and may contribute to a joint fund in carrying out the purpose and
5 intent of sections 71-1626 to 71-1636. The duration and nature of
6 such agreement shall be evidenced by the resolutions of the county
7 boards of such counties, and such agreement shall be submitted to
8 and approved by the Department of Health and Human Services
9 Regulation and Licensure; or (3) cooperate with any city in the
10 establishment and maintenance of a city-county health department as
11 provided in section 71-1630. The duration and nature of such an
12 agreement shall be evidenced by resolutions of the city council of
13 the city and the county board participating, and such agreement
14 shall be submitted to and approved by the Department of Health and
15 Human Services Regulation and Licensure. A city-county health
16 department shall be administered as provided in the agreement
17 between the county and the city and shall be considered a
18 state-approved, local, full-time public health service.

19 Sec. 3. Section 71-1628.01, Revised Statutes Supplement,
20 2000, is amended to read:

21 71-1628.01. (1) There shall be no more than a total of
22 twenty-two county, district, and city-county health departments
23 established in this state under sections 71-1626 to 71-1636.

24 (2) A county or district health department established
25 under sections 71-1626 to 71-1636 may be terminated, following a
26 public hearing, by a majority vote of the county board members for
27 any county having a health department or of the majority of county

1 boards having a district health department. A city-county health
2 department may be terminated as provided by the agreement between
3 the county and the city."

4 2. On page 2, lines 3 and 4, strike "9 to 14" and insert
5 "12 to 17".

6 3. On page 13, strike lines 7 through 19 and insert
7 "(1) Six million dollars in fiscal year 2001-02 and six
8 million dollars in fiscal year 2002-03 to the Department of Health
9 and Human Services for local public health services, public health
10 planning, and public health infrastructure development. The
11 department, in cooperation with counties and public health
12 organizations, shall prepare and adopt a plan which provides for
13 the inclusion of every county and city in a new or existing county,
14 district, or city-county health department under sections 71-1626
15 to 71-1636 on or before June 1, 2001. There shall be no more than
16 a total of twenty-two of such departments established in this state
17 under such sections. No funds appropriated under this subdivision
18 shall be allocated to or used in a county which is not included in
19 a health department under the plan adopted by the Department of
20 Health and Human Services. The department, in cooperation with
21 counties, public health organizations, and the Legislature, shall
22 prepare and submit a proposal for the distribution of funds
23 appropriated pursuant to this subdivision for use by the
24 departments described in the plan to the Appropriations Committee
25 and the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature on
26 or before July 1, 2001. The department shall adopt and promulgate
27 rules and regulations for such distribution and use by January 1,

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1 2002. No funds appropriated under this subdivision shall be
2 distributed or expended prior to January 1, 2002; and".

3 4. On page 16, line 6, strike "sections" and insert
4 "section 71-1627, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and
5 sections 71-1628, 71-1628.01,".

6 5. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.