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**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 1107**

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**Chairperson:** Senator Jim Jensen  
**Committee:** Health and Human Services  
**Date of Hearing:** February 6, 2002

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

To add language to 71-131 of the "Uniform Licensing Law" to permit students enrolled in a combined doctorate of medicine and doctorate of philosophy degree program in an accredited school or college of medicine to successfully complete all parts of the licensing examination within ten years.

LB1107 is intended to allow MD/PhD dual degree program students more time to complete the three-part licensing examination. Currently all students pursuing a doctorate of medicine degree must complete the entire examination within seven years. With the addition of at least three years for the PhD degree, the seven year exam time period can be too limiting for dual degree students. Without additional statutory flexibility, the success of students in Nebraska's MD/PhD dual degree program could be compromised.

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