



Ninety-Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2003  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 714**

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**Chairperson:** Jim Jensen  
**Committee:** Health and Human Services  
**Date of Hearing:** February 20, 2003

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

LB 714 amends Neb.Rev.Stat. §71-519(2) to allow a parent or guardian to refuse a metabolic test for his or her infant within the time period prescribed by the Department of Health and Human Services if the parent or guardian opposes medical treatment on the basis of sincere religious beliefs. The laboratory shall require a refusing parent or guardian to sign a medical waiver to be prescribed by the department.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator Curt Bromm**