



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2005  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 175**

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**Chairperson:** Jim Jensen  
**Committee:** Health and Human Services  
**Date of Hearing:** January 19, 2005

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

LB 175 changes provisions relating to the prescribing authority of physician assistants. The bill removes the current 72-hour restriction on the prescription of Schedule II controlled substances by physician assistants for pain, and requires that limitations placed on the prescribing authority of physician assistants by a supervising physician be recorded on the physician assistant's scope of practice agreement with such supervising physician.

The bill also adds physician assistants to sections 71-2418 to 72-2420 relating to the prescribing, dispensing or administration of excess dosages of controlled substances for the treatment of pain, so long as the dosage is not prescribed, dispensed or administered for the purpose of causing or assisting in causing death, and so long as it conforms to policies and guidelines for the treatment of pain adopted by the Board of Examiners in Medicine and surgery. Section 71-2418 to 71-2420 were originally adopted as part of LB 226 (1999?).

**Principal Introducer:**

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**Senator Jim Jensen**