

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB304

Hearing Date: Thursday February 24, 2011
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: McGill
One Liner: Provide for treatment of sexually transmitted diseases as prescribed

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye:	4	Senators Cook, Wallman, Gloor, Campbell
Nay:	2	Senators Bloomfield, Krist
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Howard

Proponents:

Senator Amanda McGill
Adi Pour

Pat Lopez
David Buntain
Tracy Durbin
Valda Ford

Representing:

District #26
Douglas County Health Department; Douglas County Board of Health
Friends of Public Health
Nebraska Medical Association
Planned Parenthood of the Heartland
Self

Opponents:

John Lindsay

Representing:

Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 304 provides that prescription oral antibiotic drugs may be provided to a patient's partner, or partners, by a physician, a physician assistant, or an advanced practice registered nurse who diagnoses the patient as having a sexually transmitted disease.

The bill requires the oral antibiotic drugs for any partner or partners:

- May be prescribed, provided or dispensed by the physician diagnosing the patient;
- May be prescribed by the physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse, diagnosing the patient;
- May be provided without examination of the partner or partners;
- Include general instruction for use or medication guides, where applicable;
- Be labeled in accordance with section 38-286.
- Be delivered, if the medical provider has sufficient locating information and the patient is unwilling or unable to deliver, by the:
 - Disease prevention and control staff of the department, or
 - A county or city board of health, local public health department, city health department or local health agency, or
 - Any state or local public official exercising the duties and responsibilities of any board of health or health department.

Medical providers under this act, or a pharmacist who provides or dispenses prescription oral antibiotic drugs pursuant to this act; who act in good faith and with or without compensation, or who chooses not to prescribe, provide or dispense such prescription oral antibiotic drugs, shall be immune from civil liability except in the case of willful or wanton misconduct.

The bill reconciles current statutes by including this act in reporting, confidentiality, disclosure, notification, immunity, and privilege statutes.

Kathy Campbell, Chairperson