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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB788

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: January 19, 2012

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

Sections 38-3214 and 38-3215 require respiratory care services to be provided under the direction of a physician. This requirement does not reflect a regulatory change by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services which affects the conditions for participation in these federal programs. LB 788 would amend Sections 38-3214 and 38-3215 to allow nurse practitioners and physician assistants to order respiratory services, provided that it is a part of their respective practice acts, is authorized by the hospital's by-laws, and is in accordance with the hospital's policies and procedures and state law.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Kathy Campbell