

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB187

Chairman: Senator Les Seiler

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: March 18, 2015

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

Legislative Bill 187 amends the Health Care Facility Licensure Act.

The bill would update and improve online coordination and awareness of Nebraska's currently required abortion informed consent information and would add signage requirements for health care facilities that provide abortions.

LB187 specifically requires the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to develop a dedicated web page on their website for all the abortion informed consent information required by law, including video of ultrasound images, using the best available ultrasound technology.

In addition, the bill requires health care facilities that provide abortions and have a website to provide a link to DHHS's dedicated web page from the health care facilities home page, coordinating awareness and access to the informed consent information.

Finally, LB187 would require the posting of signs in certain areas of health care facilities, which provide abortions, to inform patients that it is against the law for any person, regardless of their relationship to you, to force you to have an abortion, and that you have the right to contact any local or state law enforcement agency to receive protection from any actual or threatened physical abuse or violence.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Bill Kintner

