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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB369

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: March 05, 2015

LB 369 amends the Uniform Credentialing Act (UCA), Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 38-101 to 38-1,140, for clarification and synchronization with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA). LB 369 provides alternative procedures to address practice impairments for professions credentialed by the Public Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services (licensed, certified, registered).

LB 369 amends sections 38-1,106; 38-1,110 to 38-1,113; and 38-1,126, and will achieve the following results:

- Determine whether an applicant or credential holder has a practice impairment and if the impairment affects his or her ability to practice.
- Allows multiple methods to evaluate an applicant or credential holder for practice impairments, including a committee of three qualified physicians or other qualified professionals.
- Authorize the Department to monitor credential holders with practice impairments without discipline, as an alternative to disciplinary sanctions.
- Any resulting denial of a credential, refusal to renew a credential, revocation, suspension, limitation, or terms and conditions on a credential due to impairment may not be considered a disciplinary action.

Under current law, the agency needs additional options to limit the credentials of an applicant or credential holder. This bill is intended to authorize the agency to use alternative procedures regarding practice impairments.

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

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Merv Riepe

