

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1211

Hearing Date: Thursday February 12, 2026
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Riepe
One Liner: Provide requirements for automated medication systems operated by certain pharmacies under the Automated Medication Systems Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Hardin, Ballard, Fredrickson, Hansen, Meyer, G., Quick, Riepe
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents: Senator Merv Riepe Allison Dering Anderson Amy McMurtry	Representing: Opening Presenter Nebraska Pharmacists Nebraska Medicine, Nebraska Pharmacy Association, Nebraska Hospital Association
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Opponents:	Representing:
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Neutral:	Representing:
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* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1211 amends the Automated Medications Systems Act so that pharmacies may operate automated medication dispensing machines on their own property — including exterior kiosk-style installations — but must obtain annual licensure, designate pharmacist oversight, comply with all standard dispensing and labeling requirements, offer pharmacist consultation, and are prohibited from dispensing controlled substances through these systems.

Section by Section Summary

Section 1 – Amends §71-2444 to add new section 3 to the Automated Medication Systems Act.

Section 2 – A new subdivision is added to §71-2449 to permit automated medication distribution machines to be operated in connection with a licensed pharmacy on property owned or leased by that pharmacy, whether inside the



pharmacy building or affixed to or situated on the exterior of the building, subject to existing requirements and the new Section 3 of this act.

Section 3 – This section is new language which adds a completely new licensing and operational framework for pharmacy-operated automated medication systems. The pharmacist in charge must annually license each automated medication system located on pharmacy-owned or leased property with the Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services, paying a fee not to exceed \$50, and must obtain a separate license for each location where systems are operated. Applications must identify the pharmacy, confirm the system's physical location on pharmacy property, and name the pharmacist in charge. The Division must inspect the system before licensure and as needed during operation. Operationally, the pharmacist in charge must designate a responsible pharmacist to oversee the system, verify prescriptions before loading or release, and ensure compliance with labeling, storage, and record keeping requirements. Pharmacist care must be offered before any prescription is dispensed. Systems located outside a fully enclosed building must be protected from environmental and security risks unless the Board of Pharmacy approves adequate safeguards. Controlled substances may not be dispensed through these systems. These requirements do not apply to long-term care automated pharmacies or medication systems operated under section 71-2451.

Section 4 – Repealer.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 2202 is a white copy amendment that replaces the bill. The original version of LB 1211 regulates automated medication systems operated by pharmacies on their own property, while AM2202 replaces that focus by creating an entirely new category — the automated pickup kiosk — explicitly defined as something separate from an automated medication system. On controlled substances, LB1211 imposes an absolute ban with no exceptions, whereas AM2202 allows hospital pharmacies to dispense controlled substances through a kiosk located within the hospital or a hospital-operated facility. AM2202 also expands the policy and procedure requirement to include pharmacies, which LB1211 left unchanged, and broadens eligible kiosk locations beyond pharmacy-owned property to include hospitals, health clinics, health care practitioner facilities, and rural emergency hospitals where the pharmacy operates.

Brian Hardin, Chairperson

