

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB720

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 21, 2026
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Quick
One Liner: Create a temporary event license for body artists under the Uniform Credentialing 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 Dan Quick
Tatyana Erington

Casey Sample
Lukas Darlington
Tyson Schaffert
Brad Mellema

Opponents:

Neutral:

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Echant Ink, LLC and Ink The Island Tattoo Convention
Venues on South Locust, Bosselman Enterprises
Nebraska Body Art Advocacy Network
self
Grand Island Tourism

Representing:

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* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 720 requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to create and issue a temporary event license for an individual who is attending a body art event. An individual applying for an event license must hold a valid license from another state and shall submit documents to DHHS. DHHS may charge a fee and is authorized to inspect a body art facility.

Section by Section Summary:

Sec. 1: Includes new section 2 of LB 720 in the Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art Practice Act.



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Sec. 2: A new section of law that requires DHHS to create and issue a temporary, nonrenewable event license for an individual who is attending a body art event which shall allow an individual to practice for no more than seven consecutive days. An individual holding an event license shall only practice with a licensed body art facility.

LB 720 provides requirements relating to the event license. An individual applying for an event license is required to hold a valid, unrestricted license or permit showing they are active in another state. Also, the individual is required to submit the following to DHHS: a completed application form; copy of government-issued photographic identification showing age; a copy of the license; and a sponsorship letter from a licensed body art facility or body art event organizer. The event license shall include the individual's name, approved location or event, and expiration date.

This bill also provides authority and requirements for DHHS. DHHS may charge a fee, not to exceed \$50, for issuance of the event license. If DHHS charges a fee, they are required to remit the fee to the State Treasurer for credit to the Professional and Occupational Cash Credentialing Fund. In addition, DHHS shall be authorized to inspect a body art facility. A violation of this inspection subsection is subject to the same penalties as for an individual or a facility holding a permanent license to practice body art under the Uniform Credentialing Act.

Sec. 3: Repealer

Sec. 4: Emergency clause

Explanation of amendments:

AM1899 strikes the original sections and inserts the following new sections:

Sec. 1: Act citation language remains the same as in Section 1 of the original bill.

Sec. 2: DHHS is required to create and issue a temporary, nonrenewable event license for an individual who is attending a body art event which shall allow the individual to practice no more than seven consecutive days in any twelve-month period. No more than two temporary event licenses shall be issued to the same individual in any twelve-month period. An individual holding an event license shall practice within a licensed body art facility that has been inspected pursuant to this section.

Except for a change in the requirements regarding the sponsorship letter, the documentation required to be submitted with an application remains the same as section 2 of the original bill. Also, the violation provision in the amendment is the same as the original bill.

AM1899 does provide changes relating the event license requirements, fees, and inspections. Specifically, the state of issuance and number of the individual's license or permit are added to the list of requirements for the event license. In addition, DHHS is now required to charge a fifty dollar fee for issuance of the event license. Lastly, DHHS may conduct an in-person inspection of the body art facility where body art practice will occur for a body art event to assess compliance with DHHS's rules and regulations. Such inspection may be conducted by a health specialist with body art training, including, but not limited to, a registered environmental health specialist.

Sec. 3: Repealer

Sec. 4: E-clause



Brian Hardin, Chairperson



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