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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 110**

FINAL READING

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Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to define terms;
- 2 to state findings; and to provide requirements for intimate
- 3 examinations as prescribed.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1       **Section 1.** (1) For purposes of this section, intimate examination  
2 means the manual examination of a patient's breast or an internal pelvic,  
3 prostate, or rectal examination but does not include a visual examination  
4 of a patient's breast or any body part associated with an internal  
5 pelvic, prostate, or rectal examination.

6       (2) The Legislature finds and declares that:

7       (a) The ethical principle of informed consent in medical practice is  
8 critical to the trust a patient places in a health care provider;

9       (b) A patient has the rational expectation to have control over the  
10 patient's medical decisions; and

11       (c) The parts of the body subject to an intimate examination are  
12 protected under state law and deserve similar protection in medical  
13 practice.

14       (3) A health care provider as defined in section 71-7907 shall not  
15 perform an intimate examination on a patient who is anesthetized or  
16 unconscious in a hospital or health care facility as defined in section  
17 71-413 without prior written consent unless:

18       (a) An individual authorized to make health care decisions for the  
19 patient has given written consent for the examination;

20       (b) The examination is necessary for emergency diagnostic or  
21 emergency treatment purposes; or

22       (c) A court orders the performance of the examination for the  
23 collection of evidence.

24       (4) If an intimate examination is performed on an unconscious or  
25 anesthetized patient pursuant to subsection (3) of this section, the  
26 patient shall be notified in writing prior to discharge of such patient  
27 from the hospital or medical clinic.

28       (5) A health care provider who violates subsection (3) of this  
29 section is subject to discipline under the Uniform Credentialing Act.