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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1235

Chairperson: Senator Rick Holdcroft

Committee: General Affairs

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

LB 1235 comprehensively updates and harmonizes Nebraska's statutory framework governing medical cannabis by refining the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act (NMCPPA) and transitioning the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act (NMCRA) from a registration-based model to a licensure-based regulatory system. LB 1235 clarifies key definitions, eligibility standards, and protections for qualified patients, registered caregivers, and health care practitioners, while establishing clear and comprehensive processes for patient and caregiver registries, practitioner authorization, written medical recommendations, and confidentiality safeguards. It further delineates lawful conduct exempt from criminal liability, strengthens oversight mechanisms, and ensures clear standards for enforcement, suspension, and revocation to protect patient safety and regulatory integrity.

LB 1235 also modernizes the authority and structure of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission by expanding its regulatory jurisdiction, governance, staffing, and enforcement powers, including licensure, inspections, disciplinary actions, recalls, and seed-to-sale tracking. It authorizes fee structures, interagency cooperation, shared resources, and the use of third-party vendors, while safeguarding sensitive patient and business information. Additionally, LB 1235 aligns tax provisions, dedicates cannabis sales tax revenue to school property tax relief, establishes a commission cash fund, and provides necessary rulemaking authority. An emergency clause ensures timely implementation to support a regulated, transparent, and accountable medical cannabis system in Nebraska.

Principal Introducer: _____

**Senator Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson
General Affairs Committee**