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prescribe Schedule II controlled substances for a maximum of 72-hour supply for pain control. LB 1002 permits advanced practice nurse practitioners, until July 1, 2007, and nurse practitioners on or after July 1, 2007, to prescribe therapeutic measures and medications, and removes restrictions related to prescription of Schedule II controlled substances. Two different operative dates are required, because of the passage of LB 256 last year, which has an operative date of July 1, 2007. The prescriptive authority granted relates only to health conditions within the APRNs', or nurse practitioners', scope of practice. LB 1254 would...excuse me, the bill would permit nurse practitioners to manage the care of patients committed under the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment, if he or she has proof of the current certification from an approved certification program in the psychiatric or mental health specialty. Patients who require care beyond the scope of practice of such nurse practitioners must be referred to appropriate healthcare provider. The bill also has an operative date of July 1, 2007, to coincide with operative date of LB 256 from last year. There will be an amendment to this, I think, that Senator Synowiecki is bringing. But with that, I will conclude my remarks and ask for its adoption. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Now, next motion, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Synowiecki would move to amend with AM2593. (Legislative Journal page 909.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Synowiecki, to open on AM2593.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. AM2593 essentially represents an agreement or a compromise agreement that has been reached relative to the provisions under the underlying bill of LB 1002. LB 1002, as Senator Jensen pointed out, was advanced by the Health and Human Services Committee on a 6 to 0 vote. And the elements of the bill relate to nurse practitioners and their scope of authority relative to prescribing medications. AM2593, as I indicated, is an agreement between the Nebraska Medical Association and the