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DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



Jim Pillen, Governor

November 13, 2024

The Honorable Ben Hansen
Health and Human Services Committee
Nebraska Legislature
P.O. Box 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Chairman Hansen:

The Department of Health and Human Services' statement on the explanation of effectiveness of the Registered Nurse (RN) license, below, reflects its sole views. The question has also been sent to the Board of Nursing and its response will be forwarded should they choose to opine.

Nebraska has one Nurse Practice Act and three sets of regulations (Chapters 99, 97 and 101) that govern RN and Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) practice. The Board of Nursing governs all RN and LPN practice in Nebraska. The Nurse Practice Act and its implementing regulations help ensure reasonable and uniform standards are in place for nursing education and practice. Nurses are accountable for the care provided as shown by the disciplinary actions taken and are held to a standard of care in the provision of nursing services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Timothy A. Tesmer".

Timothy A. Tesmer, MD
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