

Nebraska 2007 Legislative Bill Summary

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Bill No.	Subject Matter	Introducer	Comm.	Hearing Date	Advance Gen. File	Advance Select File	Advance Final Read	Notes	
4	Provide income tax credits and adjustments relating to long-term care insurance	Pahls	Revenue	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 01/26/2007					
6	Adopt the Nebraska Safe Haven Act.	Pahls	Judiciary	1/17/2007				Bill being redrafted.	
31	Change minimum wage and training wage provisions	Nantkes	Bus. & Labor	AMENDED INTO LB 265					
42	Change distribution of the cigarette tax	Hudkins	Appropriations	3/8/2007					
48	Exempt certified registered nurse anesthetists from certain radiation-use qualifications	Dierks	HHS	2/1/2007					
49	Adopt the Mercury Vaccine and Drug Act.	Hudkins	HHS	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 02/26/2007					
52	Create a task force to examine the prescription and administration of certain drugs to children who are wards of the state	Howard	HHS	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 05/31/2007					
53	Prohibit smoking in certain foster care homes.	Howard	HHS	1/17/2007	3/12/2007				
54	Provide qualifications for certain child protection and safety workers	Howard	HHS	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 05/31/2007					
55	Change provisions governing funding of home visitation, child, and parenting programs.	Howard	Appropriations	AMENDED INTO LB 321					
56	Appropriate funds for alcohol-related birth defects prevention programs	Howard	Appropriations	2/27/2007					
57	Provide for fair share representation contributions for certain labor representation by labor organizations	Priester	Bus. & Labor	1/29/2007	2/27/2007			Sen. Nantkes Priority Bill	
65	Change the statute of repose for the Nebraska Hospital - Medical Liability Act	Stuthman	Judiciary	2/21/2007					
71	Appropriate funds for a child advocacy center	Fischer	Appropriations	AMENDED INTO LB 321					
77	Change worker's compensation disability compensation provisions	Nantkes	Bus. & Labor	AMENDED INTO LB 588					
85	Create the Nebraska Health Insurance Policy Coalition	Howard	Banking	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 03/13/2007					
86	Change provisions of the Health Care Facility Licensure Act covering applicants for licensure.	Howard	HHS	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 05/31/2007					
97	Change provisions relating to the Concealed Handgun Permit Act	Flood	Judiciary	SIGNED INTO LAW--Incl. LB 491 — Effective Date: 9/1/2007					
103	Authorize release of patient information and change provisions relating to regional trauma advisory boards	Erdman	HHS	AMENDED INTO LB 185					
104	Change age of majority from nineteen to eighteen	Erdman	Judiciary	3/20/2007					
107	Create a deputy public counsel for institutions and facilities operated by the Department of Health and Human Services	Pedersen	Judiciary	2/15/2007	4/11/2007				

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112	Provide for the judicial emancipation of minors	Erdman	Judiciary	3/20/2007	3/30/2007			SPKR. Flood Priority Bill	
118	Change the Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool Act	Pahls	Banking	1/22/2007					
134	Require insurance coverage of colorectal cancer screenings	Schimek	Banking	AMENDED INTO LB 247					
144	Adopt the Hepatitis C Education and Prevention Act -- Speaker Flood Priority Bill	McDonald	HHS	SIGNED INTO LAW — Effective Date: 5/17/2007					
152	Change insurer reporting requirements regarding professional liability claims	Pankonin	Judiciary	SIGNED INTO LAW — Effective Date: 09/01/2007					
157	Provide for leaving an infant with a firefighter or hospital staff member	Stuthman	Judiciary	1/17/2007	2/28/2007	5/10/2007 PENDING		Sen. Stuthman Priority Bill	
167	Change property tax provisions relating to appeals, equalization, and assessor certification	Janssen	Revenue	SIGNED INTO LAW — Effective Date: 02/10/2007					
171	Require Dept. of Health and Human Services to apply for food stamp options and waivers	Kopplin	HHS	2/21/2007	3/1/2007	5/30/2007		SPKR. Flood Priority Bill	
175	Require employer to provide employee a reason for termination	Cornett	Bus. & Labor	3/5/2007					
178	Create the Nebraska Women, Infants, and Children Program Advisory Board	Janssen	HHS	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 05/31/2007					
185	Change provisions relating to health and human services	HHS Committee	HHS	SIGNED INTO LAW--Incl. LB 103 and LB 385 — Operative Dates: 03/15/2007, 07/01/2007, 09/01/2007					
192	Adopt the Access College Early Scholarship Prog. Act and eliminate Community Scholarship Foundation Program Act	Harms	Education	SIGNED INTO LAW — Effective Date: 09/01/2007					
194	Change disciplinary provisions of the Uniform Licensing Law	Pahls	HHS	1/31/2007					
203	Provide an informal conference process for disciplinary action regarding health care facilities	Gay	HHS	SIGNED INTO LAW — Effective Date: 09/01/2007					
222	Provide workers' compensation benefits for permanent disfigurement or scarring	McGill	Bus. & Labor	2/12/2007					
229	Appropriate funds for developmental disability aid	Wallman	Appropriations	2/27/2007					
236	Provide for and change regulation of perfusionists, optometrists, pharmacy techs, and in-home personal service providers	Johnson	HHS	SIGNED INTO LAW--Incl. LB 399 and LB 426 — Effective Date: 09/01/2007					
244	Change provisions relating to transportation of patients in ambulances	Flood	HHS	1/24/2007					
245	Change provisions relating to fluoridation of drinking water	Johnson	HHS	1/24/2007	3/5/2007				
246	Provide requirements for coroners relating to the procurement of anatomical gifts and provide for criminal immunity	Johnson	Judiciary	2/15/2007	4/3/2007			SPKR. Flood Priority Bill	
247	Change provisions relating to drugs, adoption, certain credentialed health professionals, child care, and health benefit coverage	Johnson	HHS	SIGNED INTO LAW--Included LBs 134, 369, 417 & 479 — Operative Dates: 06/01/2007, 12/01/2008					

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250	Create a religious exemption from mandatory infant screening tests	Synowiecki	HHS	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 05/31/2007					
253	Adopt the Motorcycle Safety and Training Act and change motorcycle helmet provisions	Rogert	Transportation	2/20/2007	2/28/2007				
255	Change the Nebraska Wage Payment and Collection Act -- Sen. Rogert Priority Bill	Rogert	Bus. & Labor	SIGNED INTO LAW — Effective Date: 04/03/2007					
262	Change automobiles insurance provisions	Kruse	Banking	2/20/2007					
264	Adopt the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act and provide for an income tax credit.	Hudkins	Revenue	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 01/26/2007					
265	Change labor laws -- Committee Priority Bill	Cornett	Bus. & Labor	SIGNED INTO LAW--Incl. LB 31 — Operative Dates: 06/01/2007, 07/01/2007, 09/01/2007, 01/01/2008					
270	Exclude certain rural health loan repayments from income for tax purposes	Johnson	Revenue	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 01/26/2007					
271	Change fringe benefit provisions under the Nebraska Wage Payment and Collection Act	Friend	Bus. & Labor	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 02/23/2007					
275	Change a fund transfer and appropriate funds for biomedical research	Kruse	Appropriations	AMENDED INTO LB 321 and LB 322					
281	Appropriate funds for federally qualified community health centers	Stuthman	Appropriations	2/27/2007					
283	Provide for biennial renewal of medication aide registrations	Stuthman	HHS	SIGNED INTO LAW — Effective Date: 09/01/2007					
292	Authorize transfers of funds for medical assistance payments and change a tax rate for intermediate care facilities	Hansen	HHS	SIGNED INTO LAW — Effective Date: 09/01/2007					
296	Reorganize the Health and Human Services System	Johnson at Req. of Gov.	HHS	SIGNED INTO LAW — Operative Date: 07/01/2007					
300	Create the State Work Incentive Program	Howard	Government	2/14/2007					
304	Change qualifications for tax credits relating to LTC insurance -- Sen. Mines Priority Bill	Gay	Revenue	SIGNED INTO LAW — Effective Date: 09/01/2007					
308	Adopt the Automated Medication System Act	Stuthman	HHS	1/25/2007					
321	Appropriate funds for state govt expenses	Flood	Appropriations	SIGNED INTO LAW--Incl. LB 55, LB 71 and LB 275 — SUBJECT TO LINE ITEM VETOES — Effective Date: 07/01/2007					
322	Change provisions relating to certain funds and provide for transfers of funds and extend an excise tax	Flood	Appropriations	SIGNED INTO LAW--Incl. LB 275 — Operative Dates: 05/22/2007, 07/01/2007, 08/01/2007					
326	Change eligibility provisions for certain types of public assistance.	Flood	HHS	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 05/31/2007					
330	Change the Nebraska Telecommunications Regulation Act	Schimek	Transportation	1/20/2007					
342	Adopt the Community College Foundation and Equalization Aid Act and change postsecondary education scholarship provisions	Raikes	Education	SIGNED INTO LAW--Incl. LB 393 — Operative Date: 07/01/2007					

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369	Redefine mental health practice for licensure of mental health practitioners	Erdman	HHS	AMENDED INTO LB 247				
373	Provide for inadmissibility of apologies regarding medical care as evidence -- Sen. Ashford Priority Bill	Schimek	Judiciary	SIGNED INTO LAW — Effective Date: 09/01/2007				
374	Change repayment provisions for rural health education loans	Johnson	HHS	SIGNED INTO LAW — Operative Date: 07/01/2007				
385	Change provisions relating to advanced practice registered nurses	Johnson	HHS	AMENDED INTO LB 185				
393	Redefine award and eligible student for purposes of the Nebraska Scholarship Act	Mines	Education	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 05/29/2007				
395	Adopt a new Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act	Johnson	HHS	2/1/2007	2/8/2007	3/7/2007	3/29/2007	Sen. Johnson Priority Bill
397	Adopt the In-Home Personal Care Services Act	Johnson	HHS	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 02/26/2007				
399	Adopt the Perfusion Practice Act	Johnson	HHS	AMENDED INTO LB 236				
400	Require an audit of Medicaid drug rebate payments	Johnson	HHS	2/7/2007	3/5/2007			
401	Provide for notations on drivers' licenses and state identification cards regarding advance medical directives	Schimek	Transportation	2/12/2007				
414	Provide for transfer of funds for substance abuse services	Flood	Appropriations	BILL WITHDRAWN 1/25/2007				
417	Include invasive pneumococcal disease as a childhood immunization requirement	Nantkes	HHS	AMENDED INTO LB 247				
420	Change cigarette tax distribution and create funds	Erdman	Appropriations	3/12/2007	4/2/2007			
426	Adopt the Pharmacy Technician Act	Pankonin	HHS	AMENDED INTO LB 236				
438	Appropriate funds to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska	McDonald	Appropriations	AMENDED INTO LB 321				
448	Change limitation of action provisions under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act	Ashford	Judiciary	2/7/2007				
450	Provide for immunity for employer disclosure of certain employee information	Ashford	Judiciary	2/21/2007				
451	Change provisions relating to release of patient information by a pharmacist	Nantkes	HHS	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 05/31/2007				
452	Appropriate funds for drug abuse prevention and education programs	Burling	Appropriations	2/28/2007				
462	Change worker's compensation provisions covering disability payments during vocational rehabilitation	Dubas	Bus. & Labor	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 02/27/2007				
463	Adopt the Uniform Credentialing Act -- HHS Priority Bill	Johnson	HHS	SIGNED INTO LAW — Operative Dates: 09/01/2007, 12/01/2008				
469	Change funding restrictions under the Nebraska Health Care Funding Act	Chambers	HHS	2/23/2007	3/12/2007	5/1/2007		

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477	Change contribution levels for state and political subdivision employee health plans	Wightman	Government	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 03/05/2007					
479	Change provisions relating to audiologists and speech-language pathologists	Johnson	HHS	AMENDED INTO LB 247					
480	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Health Care Funding Act	Johnson	HHS	2/23/2007	3/5/2007				
481	Change criminal background check and examination requirements under the Uniform Licensing Law		HHS	SIGNED INTO LAW — Effective Date: 05/17/2007					
482	Adopt the Autism Treatment Program Act		HHS	SIGNED INTO LAW--Incl. LB 483 — Operative Date: 07/01/2007					
483	Appropriate funds from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund for biomedical and autism research	Johnson	Appropriations	AMENDED INTO LB 482					
491	Change provisions relating to concealed handguns	Harms	Judiciary	AMENDED INTO LB 97					
495	Prohibit employers from requiring use of compensated leave as prescribed	White	Bus. & Labor	3/12/2007	3/27/2007				
500	Change provisions relating to disqualifications for unemployment benefits	White	Bus. & Labor	2/26/2007	4/4/2007				
509	Create the Scholarship Trust Fund	Avery	Education	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 05/29/2007					
513	Provide billing requirements for anatomic pathology services	Fulton	HHS	2/21/2007					
514	Provide income tax credit for employer contributions to employee long-term care insurance	Fulton	Revenue	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 03/12/2007					
518	Change provisions relating to the eligibility of children under the Medical Assistance Act	Howard	HHS	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 05/31/2007					
523	Adopt the Quality Home Care Act	Aguilar	HHS	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 03/08/2007					
531	Provide tax credits for employers providing health insurance	Nantkes	Revenue	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 05/23/2007					
534	Change provisions relating to urban storm water drainage	Schimek	Natural Resources	2/8/2007					
536	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support	Schimek	Appropriations	3/19/2007					
542	Appropriate funds to the Dept of Health and Human Services -- Sen. Synowiecki Priority Bill	Synowiecki	Appropriations	SIGNED INTO LAW — Effective Date: 05/25/2007					
548	Appropriate funds relating to behavioral health services	Synowiecki	Appropriations	3/19/2007					
555	Change provisions relating to home- and community based services	Ashford	HHS	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 05/31/2007					
559	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support	Ashford	Appropriations	3/19/2007					
569	Change tax levy authority relating to hospital districts	Louden	Revenue	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 03/12/2007					
575	Exempt assisted-living facilities from sales and use taxes	Kruse	Revenue	2/23/2007	3/19/2007				

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576	Provide for rate increases for behavioral health services providers	Kruse	Appropriations	AMENDED INTO LB 321				
577	Provide for reimbursement for generic prescriptions	Kruse	HHS	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 05/31/2007				
586	Change medical lien provisions	Cornett	Judiciary	2/1/2007	2/28/2007			
588	Change the workers compensation fee schedule and payment of providers	Bus & Labor Committee	Bus. & Labor	SIGNED INTO LAW--Incl. LB 77 — Operative Dates: 09/01/07, 01/01/08 (NHA Original Position Neutral; changed to Support w/amendments)				
609	Adopt the Nebraska Recruitment Promotion Act	Carlson	Bus. & Labor	3/5/2007	4/23/2007			
616	Eliminate a provision relating to regional behavioral health authorities	Pedersen	HHS	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 05/31/2007				
617	Change provisions relating to children's behavioral health	Pedersen	HHS	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 05/31/2007				
625	Prohibit civil actions based upon weight gain	Engel	Judiciary	3/7/2007				
631	Prohibit interchange of anti-epileptic drugs	Dierks	HHS	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 05/31/2007				
635	Provide for financial compensation for caregiving family members under the Disabled Persons and Family Support Act	Dierks	HHS	BILL WITHDRAWN 02/27/2007				
639	Change powers and duties of county attorneys	Raikes	Judiciary	2/15/2007	2/27/2007			
647	Change provisions relating to insurance coverage of mental health and physical health conditions	Johnson	Banking	2/27/2007				
660	Change the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Services Fund Act	Fischer	Transportation	AMENDED INTO LB 661				
661	Change provisions relating to telecommunications	Fischer	Transportation	SIGNED INTO LAW--Incl. LB 660 — Operative Dates: 04/05/2007, 07/01/2007, 08/01/2007				
666	Provide for eligibility for certain federal programs upon release from incarceration as prescribed	Pedersen	HHS	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 05/31/2007				
669	Adopt the NE Behavioral Health Jail Diversion Planning and Coordination Advisory Council Act	Hudkins	Judiciary	3/15/2007				
673	Modify definition of malpractice or professional neglect to include sexual abuse, misconduct, or exploitation	Lathrop	Judiciary	2/21/2007				
674	Prohibit use of social security numbers by employers as prescribed and provide a penalty	Lathrop	Judiciary	SIGNED INTO LAW — Operative Dates: 08/01/2007, 04/05/2007				
675	Require disclosures of pharmaceutical manufacturing companies	Lathrop	HHS	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 05/31/2007				
699	Adopt the Healthy NE Rx Card Program Act	Lathrop	Judiciary	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 05/31/2007				
700	Adopt Human Cloning Prohibition Act	Christensen	Judiciary	3/7/2007				
LR 10	Urge Nebraska's congressional delegation to ensure that Congress timely reauthorizes the State Children Health Insurance Program	Johnson	HHS	ADOPTED — 05/30/2007				
LR 11CA	Constitutional amendment to change the distribution of lottery proceeds	Flood	General Affairs	INDEFINITELY POSTPONED 05/31/2007				