



Ninety-Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2002
Committee Statement
LB 583

Hearing Date: February 7, 2001
Committee On: Health and Human Services

Introducer(s): (Byars)
Title: Provide for gubernatorial appointment of professional examining boards

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - X Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

6	Yes	Senator Jensen, Byars, Suttle, Price, Cunningham and Erdman
	No	
	Present, not voting	
1	Absent	Senator Maxwell

Proponents:
 Senator Dennis Byars
 David Buntain

Representing:
 Introducer
 Nebraska Medical Association

Opponents:
 Steve Wooden
 Chuck Stepanek
 Don Ellerbee

Representing:
 State Board of Health
 Nebraska Nurses Association
 Nebraska Veterinary Association & Nebraska
 Funeral Directors Association
 Nebraska Chapter, National Association of Social
 Workers
 State Board of Health

June Remington
 Andrea Nelson

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes: The bill requires the Governor to appoint members of health care professional licensure boards. Current law requires the State Board of Health to make such appointments.

Current law requires the State Board of Health to appoint a professional board for each of the 16 professions under the Uniform Licensing Law, and members of 7 other boards which are not under the Uniform Licensing Law, including the Board of Nursing, the Board of Cosmetology Examiners, the Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, the Board of

Registration for Environmental Health Specialists, the Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers and Fitters, the Board of Examiners in Nursing Home Administration, and the Board of Occupational Therapy Practice.

Current law requires the state association of each licensed profession to annually submit a list of candidates for board positions for that profession. The State Board of Health must consider persons on the list, but is not required to appoint them. LB 583 retains the procedure but provides the list be given to the Governor.

The bill also permits the Governor to remove members of professional licensure boards, rather than the State Board of Health.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Jim Jensen, Chairperson