



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
Committee Statement  
LB 385**

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**Hearing Date:** February 1, 2007  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services

**Introducer(s):** (Johnson, 37)  
**Title:** Change provisions relating to advanced practice registered nurses

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**Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

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

7	Yes	Senator(s): Johnson, Erdman, Hansen, Howard, Gay, Stuthman, Pankonin
	No	
	Present, not voting	
	Absent	

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**Proponents:**

Senator Johnson  
Tom Vickers  
Helen Meeks

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska Nurses Association  
Health and Human Services Regulation & Licensure

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 385 (Johnson) Change provisions relating to advanced practice registered nurses.

LB 385 changes provisions relating to advanced practice registered nurses (APRN). The bill is a further revision of LB 256 (2005). The bill provides that all specialty areas of advanced practice nursing will have a single licensure. Such licensure would be specific to permit licensed APRNs to practice as a (1) Nurse Practitioner, (2) Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, (3) Certified Nurse Midwife, or (4) Clinical Nurse Specialist, upon proof of certification in the specialty practice area.

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The bill amends several sections to change the term certification to licensure and revise language related to renewal of an APRN license. Several sections are outright repealed.

The bill has an operative date of July 1, 2007 with the emergency clause.

The committee amendment (AM 187) changes the terms of members of the Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses from four years to five years to harmonize with provisions of LB 463. LB 463 is the bill introduced at the request of the Nebraska Health and Human Services System to recodify statutes for the licensure and regulation of health care professions and occupations (Uniform Licensing Law). LB 463, if adopted, would become effective December 1, 2008.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

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**Senator Joel Johnson, Chairperson**