

# **One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB664**

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**Chairperson: Senator Ben Hansen**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: February 08, 2023**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB664 makes two modifications related to the Nebraska False Medicaid Claims Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. 68-945 et. seq.

First, it allows the Attorney General to investigate and prosecute cases of abuse, neglect or exploitation of Medicaid recipients who do not reside in an institutional setting. This authority was passed by Congress in the COVID-19 relief bill signed by the President in January 2021.

Second, it provides that the Attorney General can access the records of any resident living in a Medicaid-funded facility when investigating and prosecuting the abuse, neglect or exploitation of that resident, regardless of whether that resident is a Medicaid recipient. This change makes Nebraska's law consistent with Congress' intent and aligns our law with similar provisions found in 49 other states.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Merv Riepe**