

**ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2012**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB686**

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**Hearing Date:** Friday February 25, 2011  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Schilz  
**One Liner:** Provide an exception from the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act for transplantation of bovine embryos

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 7 Senators Bloomfield, Campbell, Cook, Gloor, Howard, Krist, Lambert  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**  
Senator Ken Schilz  
Pete McClymont  
Myron Danner  
Eldon Starr  
Jessica Kolterman

**Representing:**  
District #47  
Nebraska Cattlemen  
Self  
Self  
Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation

**Opponents:**  
Vergil Heyer  
Richard Cockerill  
Laura Hardin

**Representing:**  
Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association  
Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association  
Self

**Neutral:**  
Larry Berger

**Representing:**  
UNL Department of Animal Science

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

LB 686 provides an exception from the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act for transplantation of embryos on bovine, including recovering, freezing and transferring embryos on bovine, if the procedure is being performed by a person who holds a master's degree with an emphasis in reproductive physiology from an accredited college or university.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The Committee Amendment strikes the original sections. The amendment becomes the bill.

The amendment provides that a retrievable transplantation of embryos on bovine, including recovering, freezing, and transferring embryos on bovines may be performed by a person who has, and can show proof, of valid professional liability insurance and holds:

1. A master's degree with an emphasis in reproductive physiology from an accredited college or university and performs the procedure under the indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian in this state; or

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2. A doctorate degree with an emphasis in reproductive physiology from an accredited college or university.

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Kathy Campbell, Chairperson