



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 1108

Chairperson: Joel Johnson
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: February 20, 2008

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

LB 247 (2007) provided for the licensure of Independent Mental Health Practitioners. LB 1108 corrects two inadvertent omissions in LB 247. Specifically, the bill adds a reference to the examination requirement currently required of licensed mental health practitioners and also inserts "licensed independent mental health practitioner" in section 38-2112.

AM1897 to LB 1108 changes the introduced copy to address technical concerns raised by both the Department of Health and Human Services and the Board of Mental Health Practice. AM 1897 amends LB 1108 to add "licensed independent mental health practitioner" to section 38-2115(2)(d) and revises the reference to the examination requirement in LB 1108 to clarify that a licensed mental health practitioner must satisfactorily pass an examination approved by the Board of Mental Health Practice before being licensed as a licensed independent mental health practitioner. Additionally, it clarifies the titles to be used and the scope of practice appropriate to different licenses.

AM1897 will be offered at the public hearing on LB 1108.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Philip Erdman