

**One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB245**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: February 01, 2013**

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

It is the intent of LB 245 to amend the Medicaid Prescription Drug Act to ensure appropriate pharmaceutical care to Medicaid recipients diagnosed with a rare form of epilepsy.

LB 245 allows a provider to prescribe a medication without requiring prior authorization that is not on the preferred drug list to a Medicaid recipient if the provider certifies that the recipient is achieving therapeutic success with a course of anticonvulsant medication, specifically benzodiazepines, for the treatment of epilepsy.

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

**Senator Jeremy Nordquist**