

**ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2018**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB681**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday January 31, 2018  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Blood  
**One Liner:** Adopt the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact

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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 Crawford, Erdman, Howard, Kolterman, Linehan, Riepe, Williams  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Verbal Testimony:**

<b>Proponents:</b> Senator Carol Blood Natalie Harms Kirk Peck Grace Knott Vicky McHugh	<b>Representing:</b> Introducer Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Nebraska Board of Physical Therapy Self Key Physical Therapy
<b>Opponents:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
<b>Neutral:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**  
LB 681 adopts the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.

**SECTION BY SECTION:**

Section 1: Amends Section 38-131 to add the requirement for a physical therapist or a physical therapy assistant to be subject to a criminal background check.

Section 2: Amends Section 38-3208 of the Respiratory Care Practice Act to add clarifying language.

Section 3: Adopts the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.

Article I: Provides purpose of the Compact.

Article II: Provides for definitions within the Compact.

Article III: Provides requirements for state participation in the Compact.

Article IV: Provides requirements for individuals to participate in the Compact.

Article V: Provides requirements for active duty military personnel or their spouses participating in the Compact.

Article VI: Provides requirements for adverse actions.

Article VII: Provides the establishment of the Compact Commission.

Article VIII: Provides requirements for a data system.

Article IX: Provides requirements for rulemaking for the Commission.

Article X: Provides requirements for oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement.

Article XI: Provides for date of implementation of the Interstate Commission for Physical Therapy Practice and provides requirements for associated rules, withdrawal and amendment requirements of the Compact.

Article XII: Provides requirements for construction and severability of the Compact.

Section 4: Repeals Sections 38-131 and 38-3208.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM 2207 is a white copy amendment and retains the initial Sections 1 through 4.

In Article VII, Section g1 strikes immunity for Compact to have liability no greater than a state employee would have under the same or similar circumstances.

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Merv Riepe, Chairperson