

# **One Hundred Fifth Legislature - Second Session - 2018**

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

### **LB681**

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**Chairperson: Senator Merv Riepe**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: January 31, 2018**

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

LB681 would amend sections 38-131 and 38-3208, allowing Nebraska to enter the Interstate Physical Therapists Compact. This compact means that any Physical Therapist with a license to practice in their home state could travel to a member state of the compact and practice their trade using what is known as a compact privilege without having to test or get a separate license in that remote state.

The Physical Therapist compact has to do with mobility and ease of practice. It also means additional benefits such as a reduction in paperwork, reduction in costs and streamlining requirements and the process. For Licensing boards, it means access to the PT Compact Privilege database, access to the online processing system, member state fee guidance and the member state requirements checklist.

LB681 also provides a method to make sure that Physical Therapists who are practicing with the compact privileges in the state of Nebraska are abiding by the laws of this state and the terms of their license using that database.

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

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