

One Hundred Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2021

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB15

Chairperson: Senator John Arch

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: January 28, 2021

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

LB15 amends 38-2516, in order to create the Occupational Therapy Practice Interstate Compact.

This compact means that any Occupational Therapist with a license to practice in their home state could travel to a member state of the compact and use the compact privilege to practice their profession without having to test or get a separate license in that remote state. It also makes it far easier for a military spouse who has to move to another state with their families to get to work that much faster.

The compact allows for mobility and ease of practice. It also means additional benefits such as a reduction in paperwork, reduction in costs, and streamlining requirements as well as the process. For the Occupational Therapy Licensing Board, it means access to the Compact database, access to an online processing system, member state fee guidance, and the member state requirements checklist.

LB15 also provides a method to make sure that those covered by the compact 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: _____

Senator Carol Blood