

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB859

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: January 27, 2016

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

LB859 amends statutes in the Uniform Credentialing Act related to cease and desist orders from Nebraska licensing boards to prevent violations of federal antitrust law in light of a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision, *North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners v. Federal Trade Commission*. The bill ensures the members of state licensing boards continue to receive the state's immunity from federal antitrust lawsuits while performing their duties related to addressing unlicensed practice of professions. The bill moves the authority to issue cease and desist orders from the individual boards, to the director of the Division of Public Health with the recommendation of such board.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Kathy Campbell