

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB257

Hearing Date: Friday February 07, 2025
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Quick
One Liner: Change reciprocity provisions for credentialing of marriage and family therapists

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Hardin, Ballard, Fredrickson, Hansen, Meyer, Quick, Riepe
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Dan Quick
Anne Buettner
Adrian Martin
Heidi Applegarth

Representing:

Opening Presenter
NE Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
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Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 257 allows marriage and family therapists from another jurisdiction to be issued a Nebraska license.

Sec. 1: Current reciprocity provisions are changed. DHHS is required, with the recommendation of the Board of Mental Health Practice, to issue a license to a marriage and family therapist based on a licensure in another jurisdiction to an individual who: has a valid, independent, and unrestricted license as a marriage and family therapist in another state or territory; completes an application and pays all applicable fees; and has passed the Nebraska jurisprudence examination.

Sec. 2: Current requirements for a certified marriage and family counselor are changed. DHHS, with the recommendation of the Board of Mental Health Practice, is required to issue a certificate to a marriage and family therapist based on licensure in another jurisdiction to an individual who: has a valid, independent, and unrestricted license as a marriage and family therapist in another state or territory; completes an application and pays all applicable fees; and has passed the Nebraska jurisprudence examination.



Brian Hardin, Chairperson

