

**One Hundred Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2025**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB257**

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**Chairperson: Senator Brian Hardin**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: February 07, 2025**

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

LB257 would support the mobility of Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFTs) by adopting the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy's (AAMFT) model of MFT license portability to promote more objectivity in assessing qualifications and standardization between states.

Many LMFTs who move to Nebraska or a state that hasn't adopted AAMFT's model have to take the same classes again and/or complete additional hours of supervision. The Nebraska Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (NAMFT) and the AAMFT do not have the numbers to support and administer an interstate compact for license portability. LB257 creates a more streamlined licensure process and decreases barriers for LMFTs who have moved to Nebraska from other states.

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

**Senator Dan Quick**