

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2026

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB735

Chairperson:

Committee: Health and Human Services

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

LB 735 establishes a multi-state licensing compact for licensed respiratory care therapists in member states. This will facilitate the interstate practice of respiratory therapy with the goal of improving public access to those services by providing therapists the ability to practice in other member states.

The compact is designed to:

- Increase public access to respiratory therapy services by creating a responsible, streamlined pathway for licensees to practice in member states with the goal of improving outcomes for patients;
- Enhance each state's ability to protect the public's health and safety;
- Facilitate consistent patient care when providers or patients move within compact states;
- Promote the cooperation of member states in regulating the practice of respiratory therapy;
- Ease administrative burdens by encouraging the cooperation of member states in regulating multi-state respiratory therapy practice;
- Support the relocation of active military members and their spouse; and
- Promote mobility for respiratory therapists to address workforce shortages in member states.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Victor Rountree