Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB258

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing:

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

The intent of LB 258 is to create the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, which would create a speedier and more efficient medical licensure process with fewer administrative burdens for physicians who are seeking licensure in multiple states.

The Compact is based on several key principles, which include: developing a comprehensive process that complements the existing licensing and regulatory authority of state medical boards; creating another pathway for licensure that does not otherwise change a state's existing medicine and surgery practice act; adopting the prevailing standard for licensure, affirming that the practice of medicine occurs where the patient is located at the time of the patient-physician encounter; requiring the physician to be under the jurisdiction of the state medical board where the patient is located; ensuring that the state medical boards that participate in the compact retain the jurisdiction; and creating the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission.

Principal Introducer:	
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Senator Jeremy Nordquist