

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2018
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB894

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 24, 2018
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Crawford
One Liner: Adopt the EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Crawford, Erdman, Kolterman, Linehan, Riepe, Williams
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Howard

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Sue Crawford
Suzanne Prentiss
Dave Huey
Ann Fiala
Jerry Stilmock

Michael Miller
Kim Robak
Nicole Fox

Representing:

Introducer
REPLICA
NEMSA
Nebraska Board of Emergency Medical Services
Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighters Association;
Nebraska Fire Chiefs Association
Self
Nebraska Methodist Health System
Platte Institute

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 894 enacts the EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact.

Section 1: Amends Section 28-470 to add the individual practicing under the EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact to definition of "emergency responder".

Section 2: Amends Section 38-131 to add an advanced emergency medical technician, an emergency medical technician or a paramedic to individual required to be subject to a criminal background check for initial license.

Section 3: Amends Section 38-1201 to add section to the Emergency Medical Services Practice Act.

Section 4: Amends Section 38-1217 to mandate the board to adopt rules and regulations to provide temporary licensure for out-of-hospital emergency care provider relocating to Nebraska if requirements are met. Temporary license will be valid for one year.

Section 5: Mandates the board review decisions of the Interstate Commission for Emergency Medical Services Personnel Practice established pursuant to the EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact. If the Commission approves an action that will result in the increase cost to the state, the board may recommend to the Legislature that Nebraska withdraw from the Compact.

Section 6: Amends Section 38-1221 to change section numbers.

Section 7: Amends Section 38-1224 to allow out-of-hospital emergency care provider to practice skills authorized to employ and covered by licensed issued by the EMS Practice Act or pursuant to the Compact.

Section 8: Amends Section 38-1232 to change section numbers.

Section 9: Amends Section 38-1237 to add individuals licensed authorized pursuant to the EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact.

Section 10: Amends Section 69-2429 to add authorized to provide emergency medical services pursuant to the Compact to definition of "emergency services personnel" within the Concealed Handgun Permit Act.

Section 11: Amends Section 71-507 to add authorized to provide emergency medical services pursuant to the Compact to definition of "emergency services provider."

Section 12: Adopts the EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact.

Article 1: Provides purpose of the Compact.

Article 2: Provides definitions for the Compact.

Article 3: Provides requirements for home state licensure.

Article 4: Provides requirements for privileges to practice within Compact.

Article 5: Provides requirements to practice in remote state.

Article 6: Provides requirements for conflict with Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

Article 7: Provides requirements regarding veterans, service members separating from active duty military, and military spouses.

Article 8: Provides requirements regarding adverse action for individuals licensed within the Compact.

Article 9: Provides authority to member state's state EMS authority.

Article 10: Establishes the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice.

Article 11: Provides requirements regarding coordinating a data base and reporting system.

Article 12: Provides requirements for rule making.

Article 13: Provides requirements regarding oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement of the Compact.

Article 14: Provides requirements regarding date of implementation of the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice and associated rules, withdrawal of Compact, and amendment process for Compact.

Article 15: Provides requirements for construction and severability.

Section 13: Repeals Sections 38-131, 38-1201, 38-1221, 38-1224, 38-1232, 38-1237, 69-2429, 71-507, 28-470 and 38-1217.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 2058 is a white copy amendment that retains the initial Article 1 through 13.

In Article 10, Section 10, F1 strikes immunity for Compact to have liability no greater than a state employee would have under the same or similar circumstances.

Merv Riepe, Chairperson