

nasogastric tube insertion, and last year one of the major issues was centered on the discussion about central line versus peripheral line IVs, and central line being those that go directly into the heart, and a great concern about LPNs being able to engage in those kinds of activities. And so what the policy is in this bill now is that no activities related to central IVs can be done without direct supervision which means the RN or the licensed practitioner must be on the premise. Furthermore, the specific activities that might be allowed are not delineated in the bill but rather will be defined through rules and regs established by the nursing board. The other concern that people had was the initial venipuncture even with peripheral lines, and that, too, is an activity that now must be under direct supervision of an RN or a licensed practitioner or physician. So the issue of a central line as well as the initial establishment of IVs, even for peripheral lines, has to be done under the direct supervision. There are specific activities identified in the legislation that an LPN can do once the initial IV is established and as long as there is supervision at least once every 24 hours by a registered nurse. It goes on then to say that they can, LPNs can under the delegation of a registered a nurse or the direction of a licensed practitioner calculate the rate of IV fluid infusions except for pediatric patients, can perform venipuncture except the central lines and pediatric, and that they can add medicated as well as pain solutions that have been prepared...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: ...previous, commercially prepared, and have been directed by the licensed practitioner. The other activity that they can now do is insert NG tubes. Again, the initial insertion has to be done under direct supervision, and they cannot...they can only use nonstylet-guided instruments. The legislation also goes on to talk about the certification requirements in order to be able to do this. There is a 48-hour course required that does include a clinical experience. There is an exam that is designed and approved by the Board of Nursing, and this license would be valid for two years with a renewal requirement of five hours of continuing education, and the legislation also defines who can do the course and the requirements for the folks that would be providing that course to meet.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. Before we