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SENATOR HUDKINS: Yes. And, Senator Kristensen, yes, you're correct. I did not give that language. That is current language where the chiropractic practitioners are licensed under the Board of Chiropractic, which is under the Board of Health. So on page 1 of the amendment it gives all of the various medical groups and who does the actual licensing, so there's one there for dentistry, optometry, chiropractic, massage therapy. So they all answer to...to a board of something, and the acupuncturists, and we have a letter from the Board of Medicine and Surgery agreeing to have acupuncturists being licensed under their jurisdiction.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Okay. And...and my question is, I think what you're telling me is that you have to be licensed to be a chiropractor. The issue is, does the chiropractor have to be licensed to do acupuncture? Because I...it's my understanding the only reason they're doing that now is pursuant to an Attorney General's Opinion that allows chiropractors to do acupuncture because there's really nothing in the statutes and it was an interpretation that they gave. So I guess what I was curious is, I want to make sure that anybody, whether it's a doctor, a chiropractor, an acupuncturist, or a lawyer, or a Page in the Legislature, if they're going to do acupuncture that they have to get licensed to do acupuncture. And that's, I guess, my question and...and I want to know if that's my understanding of what we'll do under this amendment.

SENATOR HUDKINS: This amendment directly talks about where the acupuncturists are going to be licensed.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Okay.

SENATOR HUDKINS: The chiropractors I'm not sure. I was not aware of that this was an Attorney General's Opinion or whoever you said it was,...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Right.

SENATOR HUDKINS: ...but they are currently licensed to prac...the chiropractors are currently licensed to practice acupuncture in the state of Nebraska. Where they got that