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SENATOR STUHR: Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. And again, I support the concept of licensure, and Senator Stuhr keeps saying that, you know, somehow kind of indicating that I don't, and that's not the case. I mean we absolutely should regulate these individuals. I'm just afraid that we're going too far. Now let me...let me just kind of go through. There's two ways to get entry, or gain entry into the body artist field. One is if you're a new body artist you have to comply with the Nebraska Cosmetology Act and the applicable rules and regs adopted and promulgated under the act. Okay? You also must be 18 years of age. You also must have a high school diploma or equivalent education, so a GED would work, even though we don't say that people have to go to school until they complete high school, they have to be, for the purposes of this act, they have to be high school graduates; (d) you must submit evidence of completion of education and training as prescribed by the board as follows: He or she must complete training under the direct supervision of a person in this state designated by the board or equivalent training in another jurisdiction approved by the board; and then they also must demonstrate safety, sanitation, sterilization techniques by means of practical exam conducted by the board to test the applicant's knowledge of infection control practices. That's one way to get in, the five-step way. Or you can grandfather in. If you are practicing body art prior to January 1, you can continue by applying to the department and provide documentation, as prescribed by the department, that you have 6,000 hours of experience. So my...what I'm suggesting to you is that when the Department of Health and Human Services sets up the criteria for entry into the business, they will look at the statute and say, in order to become a body artist under the grandfather clause, you'll have to have 6,000 hours. So why wouldn't they say you need 6,000 hours of education and training as prescribed by the board? If we're saying the grandfather rule is you have to have 6,000 hours of experience, which is over three years, but Senator Stuhr is saying, well, that doesn't necessarily mean for a new applicant you wouldn't have to have 6,000 hours of training. And I'm saying that the board