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SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right.

SENATOR FOLEY: And then the fines that are imposed, it speaks of civil penalties, those would be penalties consistent with the licensed providers?

SENATOR BEUTLER: You know, I can't say across the board, but I believe that's generally true.

SENATOR FOLEY: Okay. That's the way I'm reading the bill, so I just want to confirm my understanding of what you've done. Again, I thank you for your work on this issue. That's all I've got. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Foley. Senator Bourne, on AM1707.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Would Senator Landis...or excuse me, Senator Beutler yield to a question or two, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, sir.

SENATOR BOURNE: Senator Beutler, thank you. Listen, I wasn't involved in the debate on General File on this bill, but I am reading Senator Mines' amendment and the language in that amendment is similar to yours, in that in Section 7 the Legislature is giving authority to the Department of Health and Human Services to establish rule and reg for resolving any violation of a self-funded insurer of Section 3 of this act and for assessing financial penalties. Now again, this was in your amendment and so that has already been adopted. The language is identical to that in Senator Mines' amendment, and that's why I'm asking you. My question is, is why are we giving the Department of Health and Human Services the authority to regulate by rule and reg a self-funded insurer in this regard when we have a Department of Insurance that is charged with these matters?