

SENATOR VENDITTE: Okay, Sam, I am trying to answer your question. What I am saying, Senator Cullan, is simply this. I think, and this is my interpretation of this particular, relative to Section 71-147, it says, at least it tells me that anytime any physician who is attempting to cure an illness, any physician who is attempting to save the life of an individual, if their sound medical judgment is questioned, if their sound medical judgment, and I think that is the point at issue here, this is something we cannot define, ladies and gentlemen. What is sound medical judgment that is now written into the law?

SENATOR CULLAN: Senator Venditte, could you (interruption)?

SENATOR VENDITTE: That is the issue. Sam, if that physician, Sam, if that physician was negligent, I know, Sam, what I read here, and if you would like I will take the rest of your time to read this particular statute, Sam, section of the statute.

SENATOR CULLAN: Senator Venditte, you can answer my question in yes or no and I would appreciate it. I am not trying to be rude but I do want to know as far as civil liability is concerned, and I am not talking about licensure, I am talking about medical malpractice, does Section 7 exempt a physician from liability for medical malpractice in the case of negligence on the part of the physician in prescribing laetrile?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Sam, would my opinion be gospel?

SENATOR CULLAN: Excuse me, go ahead.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Would my opinion be gospel, Sam?

SENATOR CULLAN: I am just asking. You are familiar with the statutes so that is what I wanted to know.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Sam, let me just simply say this and I am not trying to stall the bill. I want to be honest with you and every member of this Legislature. Sam, what I will do, as soon as I have time this afternoon, I will address a letter to the Attorney General, and by the time this bill gets to Final Reading, every single one of you will have an answer to Senator Cullan's inquiry here.

SENATOR CULLAN: So you are not sure then, is that correct? You are not sure.