

there ought to be a standard on any license that in itself is to be evidence of qualified service. There ought to be a requirement by law that kept that current. Secondly, the one on requiring premises to be inspected for health reasons, under current law the individual licenses could lose their license because they were not performing medical services in a clean establishment. Then the next day another individual so licensed could come into the same premises and continue its operation. What the bill originally called for was that either on request or periodic inspection where there may be a question where the facility itself could be closed down as well as or rather than taking away the license of the individual practicing within that establishment. So I wanted you to understand the rationale for the introduction of the bill or these provisions of the bill and that they were not done for any other reason than the feeling of the majority of the committee when the bill was drafted that this would have been good public policy and was not particularly inconsistent with even the stated goal of the medical profession itself in this instance.

SENATOR CLARK: We're on the committee amendments. Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, the committee, prior to the Health Committee worked hard and Senator Warner just gave you the rationale of the sanitary measure that we passed. I would like to talk about that for just a minute now. I firmly believe that probably more than 99% of the doctors' offices are sanitary clean but I remember, I think it was two years ago, that there was an alleged abortion clinic in Omaha that was not, conditions were not sanitary and we spent a long time talking about it and there was very little that could be done because the law did not cover doctors' offices. Now that can happen and as you know most laws are to protect the public and I think here is an instance that we can do that. We have sanitary laws for restaurants, for cosmetologists, for barbers, you can go on and on and on protecting the public and here is another instance and that was my reason for voting for it in Performance and Audit or Performance and Review and why I think it should be included.

SENATOR CLARK: The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. Senator Cullan, do you have anything further?

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I just simply see no reason for the continuing education requirement to be included or for the sanitation regulations to be adopted. The experience that I have noted and I think the committee was convinced that we have probably gone overboard on continuing education in a lot of areas in the state.