

what this amendment does is to strike all that language related to the fee schedule. And what the bill, in its present form, would require a registered agent to do is to file with the Secretary of State a fee schedule. There would have to be a description of the professional services to be rendered in return for each fee. The agent can impose charges only in accordance with the fee schedule, which means it's a mandatory schedule. There cannot be a change made in those fees unless first filed with the Secretary of State and the elapse of seven days. I would like to ask Senator McFarland a question. Senator McFarland, what other profession is subject to this kind of requirement in statute?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator McFarland.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: I'm not aware, right now, of any specific other profession that is subject to this similar type of provision. There is good reason for it, I might add.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, are we talking about an arrangement which we are going to call a contract that is arrived at through the two parties talking to each other, negotiating, arguing, wrangling and whatever else they'll do in the process of arriving at a contract, or is the state going to write the details of the agreement? Senator McFarland and those who are in favor of these kind of bills again are going way overboard and doing much more than is justified under any circumstances that they could posit. The fact is that no profession is required to do this. When the Bar Association's tried to do it these fee schedules were ruled unconstitutional. But what the Bar Association was trying to do was make every lawyer charge a certain amount. Doctors don't do this. I doubt if there is a doctor's office that you'd walk into where you'd see a fee and the service to be given. Probably the only place you find that is in a barber shop, Senator McFarland, where the fee schedule is listed and the service you expect to get, but that is not mandated by law. There is no reason for this kind of requirement to be in the statute. If these schools that Senator McFarland is talking about have any concern for the players, let them give them some instruction on what the market value is they might command. And remember this, before these contracts are even entered into with various professional teams, there is a lot of speculation in the media and other public places about how much that player is likely to be able to get from the professional team. So it's