

amendments.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Mr. Clerk, you have an amendment to the committee amendments?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Withem would move to amend the committee amendments. (Withem amendment is printed on page 1303 of the Journal.)

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Madam President, members of the body, I would like to thank Senators Rogers, Senator Morrissey, Senator Wesely for the courtesy of allowing this amendment to be considered to this bill. The amendment that we are...that I am offering to LB 569 is, in essence, LB 726. A lot of people have seen it published and panicked somewhat, because it's a very lengthy amendment. All it is is basically clean up type of legislation being recommended by the Board of Advanced Emergency Medical Care. They are in the process of drafting rules and regulations and there are some obsolete things within their...within the current statutes dealing with emergency care that need to be cleaned up and terms need to be put in that bring it into the state of the art. Let me go through some of these so that you'll get kind of a sense of the flavor of what this does. Part of it deletes the term, a certified advance from each title given to various EMT certification levels and replaces it with emergency medical technician D, emergency medical technician intermediate, and emergency medical technician paramedic. Gets rid of the generic term "certified advanced" and talks about the three specific sorts of terms. Asystole, which is a medical term, and I think it may have been pronounced close to correctly there, includes...is concluded in the definition of defibrillation, it's a word I can't pronounce very well, as used in the national standards. EMT, one terminology is changed emergency medical technician, intermediate, consistent with other states in national designations. It eliminates the classification of emergency medical technician II, because there are none being trained or practiced in our state. Physician may be either advanced life support provider or instructor and certified by a national organization. Redefines a number of physicians on the board from MS areas as those...as these were reduced from six to three. Allows a physician surrogate to be designated by a physician to act in the physician's absence; brings state to state reciprocity in line with other states and