

around the state that allow individuals to stay overnight and serve them breakfast. It's a concept that in Europe and the New England states has been very popular. We have about 40 of these establishments in Nebraska. And what this bill does simply is an exemption from the Food and Drug Act that is administered by the Department of Agriculture through the Bureau of Dairies and Foods. I worked with them very closely in drafting this legislation and it falls under the guise of their approval and recognition of a problem. These institutions have been operating in the state for quite some time and it's just become to our attention that it would somewhat disrupt the activity by virtue of having to comply with some of the standards that we have...that we apply to our regular restaurants and services. What we have done in this bill is limited it to the very small, very simple form that we know, the farmhouses that keep hunters occasionally, like I say, the Victorian homes, but we have limited it in such a way that it's truly a family enterprise. In most cases, it is not even ongoing. It may happen only in the summer months or during a hunting season or something of this nature. In that definition, what we have done to limit it very specifically is that in order to be exempt from this act, one must provide rented rooms to 10 or fewer people at any given point in time. Second qualification would be that the accommodation must be the personal residence of the owner. The third provision is that it's...that the residence has to be occupied by the owner at the time of the rental so that the owner of the property is living in the home and the fourth provision is the only meal that can be served would be breakfast. You would need all of those provisions to be included in order to be exempt from this particular act. Here in Lincoln there is a Victorian home called the Rogers House that some of you may be familiar with that would not fall under this. We have talked with them and that is fine. They do not meet the standard because it's not the personal residence of the owners. So they would fall under the Food and Drug Act. It's only for those situations that are, like I say, very...only occasional, very small, in their home, providing a service. The more I worked on this, the more exciting it almost seemed to understand that the travelers use these types of accommodations and follow through in this particular process. It provides a unique opportunity for a lot of travelers to see Nebraska, communicate with Nebraskans, live in their home for an evening and have breakfast and then go on their way. So it's...it's, I think, a valuable piece of legislation. The food, the Agriculture Department will have to start enforcing if this bill