

to date a little bit on this, I got concerned about the price tag on an amendment that I published earlier, and sat down with the Health Department and called back to the first responders and they said they couldn't see the need for all that \$59,000 price tag, and so got back to the first responders and they said all we ever wanted was liability, be immune from liability unless of gross negligence, and got a first responder on it. Now, in talking to Senator Wesely, he has some grave concerns because that's not the way he originally intended, he thought the 407 process was responding. So what we're going to do is I'm going to offer this amendment to start with here, see the reaction on the floor, and if this amendment doesn't go, then we'll come in with a...the first responder is going to come in with a bill next year, hopefully, and we'll work it out. This...this first responder is the Emergency Rescue Act which does the following, it just adds the responder...first responder to the Board of Ambulance Advisors, and Section 31 is the finding of the Legislature that the first responder should be trained and certified and the First Responder Emergency Rescue Act be essential to aid in advancement and quality of care being provided by emergency medical services in the state. And Section 34 adds the application for a certificate of training which would require the applicant have successfully passed either the Nebraska Forty Hour Emergency Medical Services-First Responder Course developed by the Department of Health, based on the curriculum of the U.S. Department of Transportation or hold a certificate of the U.S. Department of Transportation Forty Hour Emergency Medical Services, and the Nebraska Fire Service's Fifty-two Hour Firefighter. Section 35, the department, with the approval of the Ambulance Board, shall adopt rules and regulations necessary for the administration of the act, but the rules shall not include setting requirements for training of certified first responders. The Department of Health can deny, suspend or revoke the certificates for violations of the act; permitting, aiding or abetting the commission of any unlawful act, or conduct or practices detrimental to the health or safety of patients or members of the general public. A certified first responder who provides public emergency care or rescue services shall not be liable in any civil action except for limited situations which arise out of the operation of any motor vehicle, aircraft or boat while a person was impaired by alcoholic liquor or a controlled substance. And it was my intention, when I introduced 472 last year, all that the first responders ever wanted was the liability, be immune from liability, and that primarily on a volunteer basis be protected