

cash fund itself, and so we either need to appropriate General Funds or do something like this and eliminate the agency and transfer the powers and duties someplace else, and so that's why it's introduced it at this time.

SENATOR WESELY: Is the Athletic Commission, itself, supportive of this change, or what is their recommendation?

SENATOR MOORE: The Athletic Commission came in and requested General Fund dollars. So I would...the answer to that would be no. That's why, unlike sometimes when we've tried to introduce bills and refer them directly to General File, it was our intent for, I'm going to assume it's the Government Committee or whatever committee it is, this will go to committee and have a hearing, and they can come in and say what they propose to do.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, all right. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Will, followed by Senators Robinson and Withem. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Moore, would you respond to a question?

SENATOR MOORE: Senator Warner says I will try.

SENATOR WILL: I just wanted to clarify something that I think I...if I understood you correctly I don't have any problem with it, and that is that as we would be eliminating the Athletic Commission, at the same time we would be retaining statewide standards relating to things like the number of rounds that fights are limited to and physical qualifications that a fighter would have to meet, is that correct?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes.

SENATOR WILL: So, this would not open the door for say the City of Omaha to decide that they wanted to have less stringent standards and let somebody fight that otherwise would not be able to qualify to fight in the state, in general?

SENATOR MOORE: No, I mean they would still have to adhere to the state statute, but they would actually be the administrating entity for the local government.