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am seeing the amendment, and I haven't even...and I'm going to read the second part of it while maybe we can find out what that punishment would be. Oh, 5 year minimum, 50 year maximum?

SENATOR ABOUD: That's sounds right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, somebody just read it to me. Thank you.

SENATOR ABOUD: That doesn't change that section, it just refers to it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, then the other part, Senator Abboud, I cannot grasp the full significance of this amendment, but you're enhancing penalties, the penalty, is that what you're doing?

SENATOR ABOUD: Well, it...well it...I don't know, I think it helps to further clarify child...the laws dealing with child abuse.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does it clarify or make the punishment harsher?

SENATOR ABOUD: It provides...no, I don't think it makes the punishment harsher.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, so it doesn't change the punishment.

SENATOR ABOUD: No, no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. So what is it doing? And, Senator Abboud, I'm not...these are not trick questions.

SENATOR ABOUD: No, I know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm trying to find out what we're doing by adopting the amendment because I don't see any language stricken from the...or is there? It's all new language, so since it's not striking anything, it's adding something that apparently is not in the law now.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yeah, it's adding the language dealing with the child abuse...with that language that...that that's what it deals with.