

through the Department of Health, formed a professional corporation and had to identify both their professional license and get approval and licensure, or approval through the Secretary of State's Office for the creation of their entity, and there was a double request placed on these individuals, and the thought was that the Secretary of State has access to the Department of Health information in their computer and would be able to access that and would not require those seeking a license to have to go through that. And so let me read part of the letter into the record: Under current law licensees, who are members of a professional liability...limited liability company, must get a certificate verifying licensure from the licensing authority for that profession and file it with the Secretary of State each year, a two-step process. Under this amendment, only one step would be needed when the Secretary of State has access to the licensing authority's database, because licensure will be verified by the Secretary of State electronically. The Secretary of State already has access to the Department of Health's professional license database so this change can be implemented immediately. The current procedure will still be followed for those professions which the Secretary of State does not currently have access to the electronic licensure database. A similar change was implemented for professional corporations last year under a bill that the Health Committee passed, and since the account granted for this process has already been established, the amendment will have minimal fiscal impact and will not require any adjustments to appropriation authority. So this has been drafted with the cooperation of the Secretary of State and Department of Health and will cut down some of the burden on those filing as a professional limited liability company, and I would ask for support for the amendment, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Discussion on the Wesely amendment, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'd waive.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Beutler waives off. Any further discussion on the Wesely amendment? Seeing none, Senator Wesely, he waives closing. The question is the adoption of the Wesely amendment to LB 681. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the Wesely amendment. Have you all voted? Record, please.