

this allows, at the state level, similar types of penalties and intervention that currently is reserved for the federal level so that we can likewise get civil penalties for those who would take advantage of the Medicaid system. That is essentially what it is and I would ask for adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Are there any...Senator Wesely, there are no lights on, would you care to speak? I had recognized you to close. If you want to defer on that I can, I can reverse that, but...

SENATOR WESELY: I would be happy to...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Lindsay, if you have comments, I would recognize you.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you. Senator Wesely, I...looking at your amendment, page 3, lines...page 2, lines 22 through...it's on page 1859.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. Yes.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Looking at the bottom of that page, the health care facility definition, and I'm curious, and maybe you touched on this, I didn't catch it, but adding the physical...physician clinics, what is the reason, I guess, for adding the physician's clinics to the definition?

SENATOR WESELY: What the understanding I have of the situation is that a doctor an individual could, without any review, build a physician clinic currently. That would not be under certificate of need review. But should a hospital decide to do so, they would have to be under review. So the idea was to allow, up to \$3 million, the flexibility to build a physician clinic, by a hospital.

SENATOR LINDSAY: And this is for a hospital to build a physicians' clinic?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, I think it'd be a health care facility. Primarily we're thinking of hospitals here. It's not limited to them.

SENATOR LINDSAY: So this would...but this would allow any