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SENATOR QUANDAHL: So that would protect me as a consumer of veterinary services, or anyone else.

SENATOR DIERKS: Absolutely. Because if you're accepting a veterinary prescription item and it's not done according to our statutes, why, you might be receiving something you shouldn't receive. When the drug salesman comes to sell you a product, all he wants is that prescription. Besides that, all he wants is your money. So he's willing to take those chances. He's willing to take those prescriptions, and he's willing to use them to sell you a product that's a prescription-only product. So it is for your protection.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Okay.

SENATOR DIERKS: Prescription-only products are prescription-only for a purpose. They're really needed as...they really need to be overseen by a licensed veterinarian. And that veterinarian should be the one that you use and you trust and you know and he knows you.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Okay. I just have one more question.

SENATOR DIERKS: Sure.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Statutory recognition of the veterinary-client privilege, how many other states recognize this privilege? Or do you know?

SENATOR DIERKS: I think that as I understand that...was that 18 states? We know some of them close to us, Kansas and Ohio, Georgia. I'm not sure how many have it.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Okay. But there are other states that do recognize?

SENATOR DIERKS: There are, yes.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Okay. Well, thank you. I don't have any further questions.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you.