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veterinarian. We even limit that, not even allowing the technician to give the rabies shot, because of the...because of the...the insurance problems with that. Rabies is such a fatal disease that when a human gets it they don't recover, and so we have to be very careful about who uses the shot, whether the shot is given correctly and whether the animal is actually protected. So we keep that in the hands of the veterinarian.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So, since the federal act applies even to small animals, I assume that, to the extent that this law would change practices anywhere, that practice would be changed by virtue of the federal law anyway? Is that accurate?

SENATOR DIERKS: I guess I'm not sure what you're asking, Senator Beutler. The...try it again.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. If...if...if...if a small animal in Lincoln were treated by a veterinarian without having an appropriate veterinarian-client relationship, the person who did that could be prosecuted under federal law right now, or could be fined or whatever the penalties are right now?

SENATOR DIERKS: It's my understanding that the potential exists for that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So, all you would be doing would be saying that, to the extent that that person is a veterinarian, and they didn't have the proper veterinarian-client relationship, they would be subject to disciplinary action in Nebraska.

SENATOR DIERKS: That's my impression,...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR DIERKS: ...not the owner of the animal but the veterinarian.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And...and with respect to prescriptions that may come from out of state, I assume that, if the veterinarian is in Maryland or New Jersey or someplace, that...well, let me ask you, are they...are they required to have a veterinarian