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violation of a fire, health, safety, or construction code, he or she would have to find a police officer to issue the citation. This would eliminate a delay in addressing violations, especially if a police officer is not always available. The statute expressly restricts the exercise of authority to circumstances which do not pose a danger to the issuing officer or inspector. Those smaller cities of the second class and villages that do not have fire or building codes would not exercise the authority granted by this legislation. The bill would not apply to them. And I...it's a simple...I think what is happening with some of the second-class cities that are near the 5,000, would like to have the same rights as...in this area as the larger cities. So I think that is where the...this bill was also brought by the League of Municipalities. Be glad to answer any questions.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. The Chair would recognize Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members of the body, I'd like to ask Senator Hartnett a couple of questions, please.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Hartnett, I don't particularly have a problem with this. But there's a couple of things struck me as we were talking about this. Who does these inspections now? Would you want to repeat that?

SENATOR HARTNETT: The building inspector does them, the fire inspector or the building inspector.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Say you work for the city of "XYZ." They...and I'm particularly concerned about villages in this case, small towns. What struck me is the fact that by authorizing this, if there's a risk or a danger of personalities and personality conflicts getting into this kind of area in small towns and villages, and that's the only thing that concerns me. You can have vendettas and things like that that