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in the building that hadn't been necessarily taken care of. And I was wondering, first of all, it appeared that...

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah, I think they have the authority right now, Senator Vrtiska, to do that.

SENATOR VRTISKA: They have the authority, as long as they have reasonable cause.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah. Yeah. The only thing, what this bill does is simply allow them to issue citations to...otherwise, rather than have a police officer with them, I guess, or...to issue the citation.

SENATOR VRTISKA: My biggest concern falls in the same area that Senator Wehrbein was talking about, and that is cases where there may be an overzealous individual who decides he wants to, I guess, in some people's mind, harass somebody for a particular violation that there's a question is, is whether it's a violation or not. And when you get into these small-town issues, and that's what we're talking about...basically that's what I'm talking about...what kind of a control...or, where's the control over somebody who wants to be overzealous and try to, in some minds of some, just harass somebody because they think they're not living up to the...?

SENATOR HARTNETT: There...this law does not...what the bill right here, Senator Vrtiska, does not increase their authority. If they have the authority right now as an inspector, in whatever city it is, "city X," it doesn't increase their authority. All we're asking for this bill is to allow them to be able to issue citations. Right now, if they find a violation, they have to go get a police officer to issue the citation. This simply doesn't expand their authority to do what they've done...they're doing right now in whatever village it is. It simply allows them to issue a citation. If they find some violation, they can...as the bill is right now, in the small villages, they...or cities below the second class, they can go and get a police officer, have the police officer, based upon the testimony of the inspector, write the citation. All this does is to kind of make more efficiency at the local level