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building inspector right now, this bill does not affect...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I understand that. I'm talking only about those cities where it applies, where they have the code and they have inspectors to conduct inspections pursuant to that code. They're the only cities or villages that can operate under this bill. What I'm asking is this. In cities of the size covered by this bill, how much inspecting are these individuals doing that makes it too inconvenient for them to find a local police officer to issue a citation? Why do the inspectors have to do it, other than that maybe somebody wants them to? That's not a good enough reason for me.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I think just simply that...just to be more efficient with the police and with the inspectors, Senator Chambers. That's the only reason I can think of. Because in the other cities...and some of these cities are bumping up, you know, to the...up to the 5...I think that's where the pressure is coming from, the cities at around 5,000.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, when they get to that level, then they can get the prerogatives that go along with that city. That's all I'll ask you, Senator Hartnett. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, these are the kind of bills that it falls to me to take issue with, because I do think they impact on the rights of citizens. I've had complaints about grudges being carried, not just by inspectors, but by even law enforcement people, a cop, a sheriff's deputy, or even members of the State Patrol. So when there are these small communities, there are not going to be that many buildings to inspect, there's not going to be that much territory for a cop to cover, I don't see why, in the situations where a violation occurs, the cop cannot be summoned to write the citation. We're not going to have a situation where sparks are jumping out of the electric wire and the building's about to go up in flame, so the inspector is going to take the time to write a citation. Other action is going to be undertaken at that time. So this is not a bill, at this point, which I intend