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because you're afraid of some kind of fraud. But that gets to be a bit of an onerous requirement, in that you have to find a notary and take care of that. And then it goes on to say that you have to have the presence of the parent or guardian during the procedure, I guess notwithstanding that you have a notarized consent from them. And I was going to ask you and/or maybe I should ask Senator Jensen just to comment on that particular provision and on why that's included, why that's perceived to be necessary. Is that a matter of medical safety, or is that a matter of discouraging a fashion? Senator...I'd yield my time to Senator Jensen.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Friend. I'm sorry. Senator Friend, you yield your time to Senator Jensen? No, Senator Beutler, you yield your time to Senator Jensen. You have 2 minutes and 15 seconds.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you for the time, Senator Beutler. And, yes, I'd be happy to respond. It was interesting at the hearing, and we do have some interesting hearings in the Health Department...or in the Health Committee. There were two individuals that did appear in a neutral position. Both these were individuals who do body art. And matter of fact, they were very insistent and asked that the requirements that we were setting up even be more stringent, and it was surprising to me. For instance, they didn't...they wanted a requirement that no one under 18 be allowed to have this, even with their parents, because they've had parents show up with young people as young as 14 to do some of the body art. And so it was with that requirement that they felt that the...or that the committee felt, anyway, that, yes, there should be a guardian and...a notarized guardian, in other words, for sure that we knew that was a guardian, and also present during the procedure.

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: But both of those individuals felt that we should go much further than what we actually have done on this particular issue. You're dealing with something that cannot be changed, cannot be erased...or it can be, but it's very, very expensive to do that, and sometimes it cannot be changed. It