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reading, is a little bit different than the rough copy I had looked at earlier. Then also the individual "has successfully completed an examination prescribed or approved by the board to test the applicant's competencies to perform the practice of body art." Now that does not mean that the board will evaluate the individual's artistic abilities. It simply says that they have to demonstrate a proficiency with a piercing tool or a tattoo gun. And then they also are going to be subjected to a practical examination that tests the applicant's knowledge of safety, sanitation, and sterilization techniques and infection control practices, which is really what the public should be protected from. We shouldn't be able to say that a person is entitled to a good tattoo, just one that's safe and they have some reasonable assurance that no diseases will be spread by this...by this conduct. The bill goes into effect, as I read it, on April 1 of 2005, and there is a grandfather provision that people that are in the business now, they will have to take the safety and sterilization test, but the department, and Senator Stuhr might want to clarify this a little bit, but the department could waive all or a portion of the examinations for those individuals who have been in the practice of body art prior to April 1. There's also a provision in here that allows the Health and Human Services Department to inspect a facility to make sure they're clean, sanitary. I think there's a provision in here that says they have to have hot and cold running water. But again, I think what the bill does now is it is narrowly crafted so that it targets an industry that needs some regulation and, yet, is not overly intrusive, and it, I think, accomplishes the goals that the state should have in that an individual is entitled to go to a tattoo artist who has some training, some level of training, in sterilization, sanitation techniques and that, and can properly regulate or properly administer a tattoo with the equipment. And so again, I appreciate what Senator Stuhr has done. I don't believe it's overregulation in its current form, and I do think that this amendment to the bill is a fair compromise; doesn't go too far, but just goes far enough to protect the public. And I urge your adoption of this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Mr. Clerk.