

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

February 1, 2005 LB 176

service, it seems quite clear that they are not going to be liable for anything. And I don't know these devices. I appreciated your brief explanation of how easy they are to use. What I wanted to ask you primarily about is the liability of those acquiring the devices. You indicated, for example, that the Clerk of the Legislature had one of these in his office. Would that...would the Clerk of the Legislature be an example of a person who had acquired an AED?

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Jensen, would you yield?

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Senator Beutler, for that question. And I believe the state actually acquired that. I don't know whether that was actually given to the state or we bought it. It was...when the bill was introduced, that's when we...anyway, it came into existence here. And the...Dr. Raymond of Health and Human Services really feels that that should be removed. I mean, if these devices--and they are--so self-explanatory, I don't know why the person acquiring it...yes, he needs to maintain it, I absolutely believe that. There are batteries that need to be maintained. But to require somebody to be trained in it kind of deletes what we're saying earlier. And so I would like to bring back an amendment--I don't have it prepared at this point in time--on Select File, to maybe remove that portion. Now, the American Heart Association feels that everyone who uses one of these should also be trained in CPR and some other things. But, my, these are being used all over the United States and the world today for the purpose of rendering aid and rendering it very, very quickly.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah.

SENATOR JENSEN: And it doesn't require...

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...an education to do that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Well, I think we're thinking along the same lines here. But the general, broader question...let's assume that the person acquiring can be the state, or a