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in 2002 relating to deaf and hard-of-hearing interpreters. The bulk of the licensure requirements were placed in statute at that time. This legislation was brought to me by the deaf and hard-of-hearing community and is mainly a result of the Attorney General's review of the draft regulations, and said that the regulations could not be approved because we didn't have in statute what the requirements were of the commission. So this does place in statute the ability to approve a recognized continuing education units and terms of service on the commission. So it does change the licensing. The amendment will change the licensing date to June 30, 2007. It clarifies the responsibility and duties of the Interpreter Review Board and define the role of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission, clarifies the type of licensure, approves the conduct and sponsor of continuing education, assessment of continuing competency, and charges reasonable fees. Basically, this is the bill in its simplest form. Again, we made changes in the amendment, AM1812, to be able to comply with the change of dates from last year to this year. And I would ask for the approval of LB 87.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. You've heard the opening on LB 87. Mr. Clerk, motion please.

CLERK: Senator Byars would move to amend with AM1812, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal page 386.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars, to open on AM1812.

SENATOR BYARS: I think basically I've given you the explanation. AM1812 basically becomes the bill and cleans up LB 87, as it was introduced.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Byars. You've heard the opening on AM1812 to LB 87. Open for discussion on that motion. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, in order that I am clear on what it is we're doing, Senator Byars, everything will be stricken from the bill and the only thing that will be left is your amendment that appears on the gadget.