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presentation that they made before that. I can't give you the number of hours.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Do you know, does Medicare reimburse for...Medicare, do they reimburse physical therapists for manipulation?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, they do.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. And how long has...or does manipulation currently exist in state statute? It's my understanding that manipulation does not currently exist in state statute for the purposes of physical therapy.

SENATOR JENSEN: I don't know that it does. I don't...my staff says no.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. And so your amendment introduces manipulation into state statute?

SENATOR JENSEN: Actually, this bill was a model bill from a national bill that the national association had put forward. They are allowed to, and have been allowed to do that in the past.

SENATOR SMITH: By statute, or by evolution of practice?

SENATOR JENSEN: By practice.

SENATOR SMITH: And so when we look at the 407 process, is it assumed that if they're already doing it, that then we should codify that in statute?

SENATOR JENSEN: Well, a 407 process was set up many years ago to look at scope of practice, and like I said, we've always...the director of Regulation and Licensure is the one who has determined whether, generally, that a scope of practice is necessary, if you need to go through that process. And he signed off and said, no, that was not necessary, because this was not a change in scope of practice.