

number of meetings, my staff and Senator Wesely's have sat down with the barbers, the school owners, and everything and we've got everything worked out as far as we know. And the main purpose of 318 is to protect the consumer. Many feel that the existing law, dating from 1943, is inadequate. I guess some of the major changes in the current law would be in Section 4 through 33, it just expands and clarifies the definitions used in the act. Many of the existing definitions are currently inadequate. With the introduction of several new classes of licenses additional definitions were needed. Section 48 provides that a two-year time limit be placed on breaks in education. This is to ensure the proper training of Nebraska cosmetologists, and differs from the current law. One thing it does do that...the 200 hour educational requirement for students failing the cosmetology exam is dropped. It was felt that many that...it was felt by many that the 200 hour provision was unfair to the students as well as being educationally redundant. And Section 70, 74 provides a minimum continuing education requirement for cosmetologists. Currently many license holders are not actually engaged in the industry. This provision will ensure that all cosmetologists keep up with the new technology affecting their profession. The requirements for continuing education are minimal, consist of only eight hours of approved classes per year for cosmetologists and less for the other license classes. Sections 80 to 95 provide the creation of new categories of licensure for cosmetic saloons (sic) as well as saloons of different types. This allows for different standards for saloons that...salons, I guess I better get this word right, saloons and salons, that specialize in one area. Sections 96 to 110 provide for the licensure of schools of cosmetology. While these sections mirror current law, they go into far greater detail than the present statute and allow the guidelines set for the national organization. One thing that it really does, it creates a seven member board, two school owners, one licensed instructor, one lay person, one cosmetologist salon owner, and two cosmetologists. The barbers have been in contact with us asking for clarification of licensing jurisdiction and responsibility in those situations where a single facility contains both cosmetology and barbering functions. This legislation provides that for that, and simply states that each area will be so designated. Further in clarification of intent, the law provides that inspection and jurisdiction are each under the supervision of their own examiners and statutory