

amendment will allow that the Board of Examiners will set up rules and regulations for the licensure of intermediate care facilities for mentally retarded administrators. The purpose is if you get involved in it a little bit, some of the requirements for a nursing home administrator is that they have many hours of education in gerontology, for example, and have none necessarily in dealing with the mentally retarded or developmentally disabled people. It seems to me much more appropriate that that kind of administrator has some of their educational background in that kind of care, and make that a part of licensure as opposed to just being a nursing home administrator. We offer this amendment. We had a hearing on it, Administrative Rules Committee had a hearing on it this last winter to air the concerns, to hear the pros and cons. We had favorable response. I've consulted Senator Wesely about the amendment. I think he considers it a friendly amendment. I don't know of any opposition whatsoever. I would ask for your adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. President, members, I would just rise in support of the amendment. We did have a problem. We were going to use LB 654, on nursing home administrators, to deal with it. But that bill didn't look like it was going to come up, so it is appropriate to make this amendment to this bill.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Do you have anything further in closing, Senator Hannibal?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Only, Mr. Chairman, that we have changed the language here from developmentally disabled to mentally retarded as...in order to conform with the Social Services Department.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The question is the adoption of the Hannibal amendment. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed will vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The Hannibal amendment has been adopted.