

that is little jolts of electricity to your muscles, joints, or something; ultrasound; use of medical diathermies; applied infrared light; or ultraviolet light. These particular areas are the ones that the athletic trainers thought were in a few areas in the state being abused and so they came and wanted to be licensed. But then they came in with a bill that was very broad and much more than what focal point of their concern was. So we said, okay, why don't we do this? Let's go from what now is the bill, certification in a broad sense, go back to licensure but make it very narrow, make it apply to only these, I think there is four or five items that if not properly trained to handle you can cause some damage to people. And so this amendment, I want to be clear about this, goes from certification to licensure but it also goes from a very broad to a very, very, very narrow perspective on their scope of practice. So it only deals with the things I just listed in terms of these different applications. This would not affect then those people out across the state, the different schools, different trainers for different school teams, and whatever, they wouldn't be affected by this at all. What would be affected is if they get these types of equipment and want to utilize them, and in some cases they have, unless they have somebody trained to use them, they would no longer be able to use them. And also included in addition to athletic trainers, I think chiropractors and physical therapists and doctors are already allowed to do most everything that we are talking about here. So they would not be affected either. So I think in working with the athletic trainers and the Health Department, this much more addresses the concerns in a more focused fashion than the other version of the bill, and I would ask your support for the amendment, and I give the rest of my time to Senator Goll.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Goll.

SENATOR GOLL: Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen of the Legislature, I rise in support of the amendment proposed by Senator Wesely and myself. Because the amendment has been available only this morning, I realize that most of you haven't had a chance to read it. But the amendment is supported by the Athletic Trainers Association and it offers more protection for the public than the present version of LB 355. I believe it is a proposal that should appeal to all of you. The amendment makes only one change but it is a