

organizations out there that counselors also belong to and most certified counselors will probably also maintain memberships in those as well. In the past when I have worked as a counselor I have also been a member of such organizations and should I ever return to counseling would continue to do that but I think it is unnecessary to list that in the bill. We do also in the statute redress the training and internships that they raise and also I would point out again that people meeting the qualifications don't even need to take the exam till June of '87. So I think we're in a position here to assure these people that this will in no way interfere with their business and I think we're in good shape, but I would certainly like to give the opportunity for anyone who represents those folks here today, to raise additional questions if we need to make additional statements for the record on their behalf. And with that I would yield my time to anyone who would care to pose such a question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Are there any questions? Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Scofield, if you'd yield to a question.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Yes.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Scofield, in the agency that I work for we deal with counsellors at all different levels. We have people who have masters in social work, masters in counseling and guidance, that I'm sure would fall under this bill and would not have any problem in being certified, but we also have individuals who work in settings for chemical dependency and what we would call a chemical dependency counselor. How, if at all, would these people be affected?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: At this point, if you are a member of a state agency or the agencies listed in the bill, you are simply exempted out of the bill and you are covered. Should you be a private practitioner out there charging a fee, we would ask that you register and that would be the only requirement upon you at all.

SENATOR HALL: Would that same requirement go for people, say, for example, Emergency Pregnancy Service, they do counseling over the phone and things like that?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: I believe we brought that up last time. They are volunteers in most cases. Unless they were charging a fee, I would think that they would be exempted out from under this.