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Sen. Martin: Throughout the Code a physician is defined as a person licensed in Chapter 47, Title 40 (licensed by the Board of Medical Examiners) - i.e. someone with a medical degree. If you want to say "person who performs the abortion" then we need to take out the reference to "physician".

The exemption for suction - I'm going to have to ask a medical person or the author of the bill. As we have learned in prior hearings suction is used in a D&C - and some women are having this procedure and it is being coded by the doctor as a "D&" when if you delete the suction exemption, they are really having abortions. Their way of getting around saying they had an abortion - and insurance pays for a D&C.

We have sent a notice to Rep. Lin Bennett - the primary sponsor - and hopefully she will be there to testify.

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