

SENATOR MOORE: Well, I would think we are not actually increasing continuing education requirements in this bill.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No, but the continuing education that they are going to undertake would certainly now focus on that and add to their qualifications to make that diagnosis and to prescribe those drugs, wouldn't it?

SENATOR MOORE: Common sense would tell me that would be the case, and I certainly it could be.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: But I think that's right, you know, and I think that's what we are leading...is it also fair that we could call this that this is an expansion of their scope of practice in some degree?

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: I'm just using my own terminology here. Obviously, I think of the glaucoma bill more as an issue of the scope of practice, because you are talking about, in that issue you were talking about what you can do and what you can treat and how you can treat it.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: But in this case, we are giving them more responsibilities that they can do under this bill?

SENATOR MOORE: Yeah, I don't...I'll tell you what, I mean from my own personal point of view, the other bill was a scope bill. I don't...this bill pales in significance compared to that bill. I find it hard to call this a...is it a small expansion in the scope of practice, yes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes. But, and I guess what I want to continue on is that then their standard of care also increases with whatever additional things we're allowing them to do, their standard of care and their duty in that care also expands to the same degree as what we are allowing them to do, wouldn't that be fair as well?

SENATOR MOORE: No, I mean...would you ask that question, again?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Their duty of care and their standard of care is also increasing at the same amount or at the same rate as what we're allowing them additional things to do. For