

Chairman Weisz and House Human Service Committee, for the record I'm Glenn Bosch, representing District 30 Bismarck.

I'm here today to introduce House Bill 1347.

Over the last two years I've had the opportunity to visit with families who shared with me situations in which their children were neglected or injured while at a daycare provider. In each of the situations the provider was un-licensed, and I've since learned about the ways in which our current un-licensed structure can in many cases make an already difficult situation more challenging.

The bill before looks to make a change to the daycare licensing structure that's positive for both the providers and families. HB1347 adds registered to the list of daycare licenses issued by Children and Family services. It also removes the un-licensed option.

Under the new registered option applicants would be required to pay a \$15 application fee and be subject to a background check. An in-home inspection would not be required to receive an approved registration, but DHS would have the authority to investigate filed complaints.

This bill provides a framework for insuring appropriate protections for parents and children, and the opportunity for improved training and support for daycare providers without over burdensome regulation.