

Good morning Chairman Weisz and members of the Human Services Committee. My name is Julie Wagendorf and I serve as the Director of Food and Lodging for the North Dakota Department of Health. I am here to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 2119 which is primarily a housekeeping bill that updates license renewal procedures consistent with other sections of North Dakota Century Code.

Proposed changes to Section 23-09-16 moves language referring to late renewal fees and disciplinary action to the more appropriate Section 23-09-18 Failure to Comply with Chapter. Reference to monetary reductions of license fees are removed as fees are covered under rules established by the Department.

The new Section 23-09-06.1 License Renewal offers clear and standard language for the license issuance and renewal procedure. The updates to the license issuance and renewal procedure provides previously licensed establishments a 60-day grace period for renewal.

Proposed changes in Section 23-09-18 regarding disciplinary action and written notice aligns with chapter 28-32.

Proposed changes, if enacted, would not increase burden of regulation through inspections or result in more resources needed for conducting inspections.

This concludes my testimony. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.