

Public Health Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

10:00 AM in Room 2D of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 AM by Chairwoman, Sen. Gerratana T. S06.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Gerratana T. S06; Kennedy T. S12; Logan G. S17; Markley J. S16;
Moore M. S22; Somers H. S18

Representatives: Betts W. 078; Borer D. 115; Candelora V. 086; Carpino C. 032;
Cook M. 065; Cummings S. 074; Demicco M. 021; Klarides-Ditria
N. 105; McCarty K. 038; Perillo J. 113; Petit W. 022; Riley E. 046;
Ryan K. 139; Scanlon S. 098; Srinivasan P. 031; Staneski P. 119;
Steinberg J. 136; Tercyak P. 026; Winkler M. 056

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives: Genga H. 010; Juleson-Scopino K. 012

Sen. Gerratana convened the meeting at 10:09 AM

Sen. Gerratana asked for a motion to JF to the Floor [H.B. No. 5259](#) (Raised) (File No. 429) An Act Concerning Criminal Offenses That Disqualify an Individual from Obtaining Employment or Volunteering at a Long-Term Care Facility. (Jud,Ph)

Rep. Staneksi made the motion which was seconded by Sen. Markley.

Sen. Somers noted that the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) does not support the bill because of the way the language is written in line 22 of the bill. The language

states “includes but is not limited to” and OPM is concerned that because of this clause, the Department of Public Health will have to go back and check every offense, a process that will create a fiscal impact. OPM also feels that if people have served their time then they should not be hindered opportunities.

Sen. Markley said that OPM’s objection is because of the administration’s advocacy for the Second Chance Initiative, and did not concur with OPM’s fiscal reasoning.

Rep. Betts noted that he had an Appropriations Committee meeting and was unable to offer further comments at this time, but will be supporting the bill and offer comments at a later time.

Rep. McCarty noted that she will be supporting the bill because there is tremendous shortage of volunteers and she is in favor of anything that can be done to protect long term care facilities and residents.

Sen. Gerratana said that she understands the intention of the legislation and believes it is well intentioned however, regardless of its fiscal impact, it the legislation has other flaws. She noted that she will not be voting favorably for the bill.

Sen. Gerratana recessed the meeting and noted the votes will be open until the first chamber goes into session.

A motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Bev Henry
Administrator

Valentina Mehmeti
Committee Clerk