General Law Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 21, 2019

2:00 PM in Room 1A of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM by Chairman, Rep. D'Agostino M. 091.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Fonfara J. S01; Leone C. S27; McCrory D. S02; Witkos K. S08

Representatives: Allie-Brennan R. 002; Altobello E. 082; Arconti D. 109; Candelaria J. 095; Candelora V. 086; Cheeseman H. 037; D'Agostino M. 091; D'Amelio A. 071; Gibson B. 015; Luxenberg G. 012; Orange L. 048; Rutigliano D. 123

Absent were:

Senators: Bradley D. S23; Kissel J. S07

Representatives: Ackert T. 008

Representative D'Agostino made opening remarks and invited other members to make remark. No one had any remarks to make for opening of meeting.

The following bills were reviewed.

Representative D'Agostino stated that the following items on the agenda will be on hold.

1. **S.B. No. 9** (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY REGARDING THE ADJUSTMENT OF FEES FOR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS AND REGISTRATIONS. (GL,GL)

11. **H.B. No. 7300** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF
Bills voted on for JF/JFS

2. **S.B. No. 48 (COMM)** AN ACT REQUIRING MANUFACTURERS OF BRAND NAME PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO PROVIDE SAMPLES OF SUCH DRUGS TO MANUFACTURERS OF GENERIC PRESCRIPTION DRUGS. (PH,GL,GL)

**Senator Leone made a motion to JF to the floor, seconded by Rep. Arconti**

Senator Witkos stated that Republicans will be voting no to this bill and discussed the concerns. Representative D’Agostino stated that this bill is important to the Senate Pro Tem.

**Roll Call Vote: 11 Yea, 5 nay, 3 absent**

3. **S.B. No. 434 (COMM)** AN ACT CONCERNING SPECULATIVE SALES OF EVENT TICKETS. (GL,GL)

**Senator Leone made a motion to JF to the floor, seconded by Rep. Orange**

Senator Witkos stated that after some last minute discussions there will be changes in the form of amendments. He asks that this be placed on the consent calendar.

No objections made to SB 434 being placed on the consent calendar.

4. **H.B. No. 5139 (COMM)** AN ACT CONCERNING TOBACCO BARS. (PH,GL,GL)

**Senator Witkos made a motion to JF to the floor, seconded by Rep. Arconti**

No discussion

No objections made to HB 5139 being moved to consent calendar.

5. **H.B. No. 5703 (COMM)** AN ACT CONCERNING ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF CURRENCY AS PAYMENT IN LOCAL BUSINESSES. (GL,GL)

**Senator Leone made a motion to JF to the floor, seconded by Senator Witkos**

Rep. Rutigliano stated that there is no mandate that people take credit cards and there should not be one that requires people take cash. He will be voting no.

Rep. D’Amelio stated he too has concerns regarding this bill, but will vote yes so that there can be further discussion.

Rep. D’Agostino stated that he is in support of this bill and that Philadelphia has recently passed a similar bill and that Connecticut would be a pioneer regarding this issue.

Rep. Cheeseman stated that this is her bill and that it is a civil liberty that people should be able to use cash. There are some people who do not have credit cards or people who do not want to purchase certain items on a credit card.

**Roll Call Vote: 15 Yea, 1 nay, 3 absent**

6. **H.B. No. 7159** AN ACT ADDRESSING OPIOID USE. (GL)

**Senator Leone made a motion to JFS to the floor, seconded by Rep. Altobello**

Senator Witkos thanked Governor Lamont and the UCONN Task Force for helping with the substitute language to make this bill better. Rep. D’Agostino echoed Senator Witkos’ sentiments.

Rep. Candelora will be voting no to this bill as he continues to have reservations and would like to hear more from the industry.
Roll Call Vote: 15 Yea, 1 nay, 3 absent

7. **H.B. No. 7285** (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE LICENSED BUILDING TRADE EXAMINING BOARDS. (GL)

Senator Witkos made a motion to JF to the floor, seconded by Rep. Arconti.
Senator Witkos moved to have HB 7285 put on the consent calendar.
No objections made.

8. **H.B. No. 7286** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING HOME INSPECTORS AND APPRAISERS. (GL)

Senator Witkos made a motion to JFS to the floor, seconded by Rep. Arconti.
Discussion followed regarding who will be enforcing this act.
Senator Witkos moved that HB 7286 put on consent calendar.
No objections.

9. **H.B. No. 7288** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SNOW REMOVAL AND ICE CONTROL SERVICES CONTRACTS. (GL)

Senator Witkos made a motion to JFS to the floor, seconded by Rep. Arconti.
Senator Witkos moved that HB 7288 be put on consent calendar.
No objections.

10. **H.B. No. 7299** (RAISED) AN ACT MAKING CHANGES TO DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION ENFORCEMENT STATUTES. (GL)

Senator Witkos made a motion to JFS to the floor, seconded by Rep. Arconti.
Rep. Rutigliano will be voting no on this bill due to the gas delivery section of the bill.
Senator Leone stated that he has the same objection to the bill.

Roll call vote: 11 Yea, 5 nay, 3 absent

11. **H.B. No. 7300** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF LEASING AGENTS. (GL) **ON HOLD**

12. **S.B. No. 1006** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE PHARMACY AND DRUG CONTROL STATUTES. (GL)

Senator Witkos made a motion to JFS to the floor, seconded by Rep. Arconti.
Senator Witkos moved that SB 1006 be put on consent calendar.
No objections.

13. **S.B. No. 1007** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION STATUTES. (GL)

Senator Witkos made a motion to JFS to the floor, seconded by Senator Leone.
Senator Witkos moved that SB 1007 be moved to the consent calendar.
No objections.

Roll call vote on consent calendar

JF TO FLOOR: SB434

JFS TO FLOOR: HB7288, HB5139, HB7285, HB7286, SB1006, SB1007
Roll call vote: 16 Yea, 3 absent

A motion was duly made and seconded to recess the meeting until 5PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00PM.

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