Human Services Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 14, 2019

10:00 AM in Room 2A of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 10:15AM by Chairman, Sen. Moore M. S22.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Haskell W. S26; Logan G. S17; Maroney J. S14; Moore M. S22

Representatives: Abercrombie C. 083; Butler L. 072; Case J. 063; Cook M. 065; Dathan L. 142; Hughes A. 135; Mastrofrancesco G. 080; McGee B. 005; Santiago H. 084; Sredzinski J. 112; Stallworth C. 126; Wilson Pheanious P. 053; Wood T. 141

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives: D'Amelio A. 071; Green R. 055

Sen. Moore asked for remarks from the chairs. Rep. Abercrombie told everyone “Happy Valentine’s Day and that she hoped everyone enjoyed the candy she put out. She said that they would begin with the concepts to be raised.

III. CONCEPTS TO BE RAISED

1. AN ACT ESTABLISHING RATIONAL HOSPITAL PRICING.

2. AN ACT CONCERNING EFFORTS TO COMBAT MALNUTRITION AMONG SENIOR CITIZENS.
3. AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS BY BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION.

4. AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE OF IN-HOME COUNSELING PROVIDED BY A HOME HEALTH CARE AGENCY.

5. AN ACT EXPANDING MENTAL HEALTH CARE OPTIONS UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.

6. AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID TREATMENT OF INACCESSIBLE ASSETS.

7. AN ACT STRENGTHENING HOME CARE SERVICES.

A voice vote was taken. The concepts were accepted and so moved by Rep. Case and seconded by Rep. Wilson-Pheanious.

Sen. Moore stated that a public hearing would be held on Feb. 19 at 10 am in Rm. 2A and a committee meeting would be held on Feb. 21 at 10 am in Rm. 2E. She announced that the votes would be held open until 4 pm. A motion was duly made by Rep. Abercrombie and seconded by Rep. Santiago to recess the meeting. The meeting was recessed at 10:17 am.

The meeting was formally adjourned at 4 pm.

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Kayleigh Royston            Kathy Horsky
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