Insurance and Real Estate Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 29, 2019

11:30 AM in Room 2D of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 11:34AM by Chairman, Sen. Lesser M. S09.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Anwar S. S03; Bizzarro G. S06; Cassano S. S04; Lesser M. S09

Representatives: de la Cruz J. 041; Delnicki T. 014; Floren L. 149; Hughes A. 135; Nolan A. 039; O'Neill A. 069; Pavalock-D'Amato C. 077; Polletta J. 068; Riley E. 046; Rosario C. 128; Scanlon S. 098; Turco G. 027; Vail K. 052

Absent were:

Senators: Hartley J. S15; Kelly K. S21

Representatives: Dathan L. 142

Sen. Lesser, M. S09 entertained a motion by Rep. Pavalock-D'Amato, C. 77 seconded by Rep. Floren, L. 149 to JF the following bill:

S.B. No. 4 (COMM) (File No. 208) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ACCESSIBILITY OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS. (PH,PH,INS)

Rep. Vail, K. 52 had a few questions any research done to study a bill like this to keeping from having to do a study like this. Sen. Lesser, M. S09 stated he does not know the answer to that just looking at this is specifically with prescriptions in CT. I do not know up to date that study is.

Vail we would have the ability as legislators to ask OLR instead of doing a study like this. Sen. Lesser, M. S09 stated absolutely they can look at this with the Dept of Public Health to take a lead on this.

Rep. Vail, K. 52 stated based on the explanation here there will be a fiscal impact on this of $200,000 per fiscal year 2020. Sen. Lesser, M. S09 said his understanding this is what OFA told us.
Rep. Vail, K. 52 stated this would be a onetime cost. Sen. Lesser, M. S09 stated he does believe so.

Rep. Pavalock-D’Amato, C. 77 asked with HIPPA trying to found out if a person is not taking the medication if it is because they cannot afford it that would involve talking to the person how would they do that under HIPPA laws. Sen. Lesser, M. S09 stated that is an excellent question I do not know they would have to design study to take into account the restraints both by HIPPA and other privacy laws that is a good point.

Sen. Lesser, M. S09 asked the clerk to call for a roll call vote.

A Roll Call Vote was taken 14 Yea, 3 Nay and 3 Absent and Not Voting.

Sen. Lesser, M. S09 announced that the votes will be held open until 4:00PM in Rm 2800 and recessed the meeting at 11:49AM.

Rep. Floren, L. 149 asked to make a point of personal privilege. Rep. Scanlon, S. 98 attended last Friday in Greenwich a roundtable on opioids and our very own Rep Scanlon came and spoke and I want to thank him personally.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00PM.