The meeting was called to order at 11:05 AM by Chairman, Rep. Steinberg J. 136.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Abrams M. S13; Cohen C. S12; Lesser M. S09; Moore M. S22; Somers H. S18

Representatives: Arnone T. 058; Betts W. 078; Borer D. 115; Candelora V. 086; Carpino C. 032; Comey R. 102; Demicco M. 021; Genga H. 010; Hennessy J. 127; Kennedy K. 119; Klarides-Ditria N. 105; McCarty K. 038; Michel D. 146; Petit W. 022; Rebimbas R. 070; Scanlon S. 098; Steinberg J. 136; Young P. 120

Absent were:

Senators:  

Representatives: Cook M. 065; Ryan K. 139; Tercyak P. 026

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 AM by Chairman, Rep. Steinberg, 136.

Rep. Steinberg asked for a motion for Section III of the agenda which includes Concepts to be Raised:

1. An Act Concerning a Collaborative Relationship between Physician Assistants and Physicians

2. An Act Concerning the Use of Automatic External Defibrillators
3. An Act Allowing Medical Assistants to Administer Vaccines
4. An Act Concerning Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners
5. An Act Concerning Opioid Use Disorder
6. An Act Concerning Tobacco Products, Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Vapor Products

Sen. Somers offered the motion and Rep. Hennessy offered the second.

Rep. Betts asked if the raised concepts will be raised for public hearings.

Rep. Steinberg replied that they will.

Rep. Steinberg asked if there were any objections to voting on concepts 1-6 as a block to which there were none.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Rep. Steinberg asked for a motion for Section IV of the agenda which includes Proposed Bills to be Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing:

1. Proposed S.B. No. 16 An Act Prohibiting an Unauthorized Pelvic Exam on a Woman who is Under Deep Sedation or Anesthesia
2. Proposed S.B. No. 45 An Act Adding Opioid Use Disorder and Withdrawal as a Debilitating Medical Condition for the Palliative use of Marijuana
3. Proposed H.B. No. 5142 An Act Prohibiting Female Genital Mutilation
4. Proposed H.B. No. 5145 An Act Concerning a Study of Regional Behavioral Health Action Organizations


Rep. Steinberg asked if members of the committee had any questions or comments.

Rep. Carpino noted that Proposed S.B. No. 45 An Act Adding Opioid Use Disorder and Withdrawal as a Debilitating Medical Condition for the Palliative use of Marijuana sets a dangerous precedent. While she is not opposed to the bill, she said that the precedent needs to be considered before taking a vote on the actual bill.

Rep. Steinberg said that he shared Rep. Carpino’s concerns and added that an exploration would be done.

Rep. Steinberg asked if there were any objections to voting for proposed bills 1-4 as a block to which there were none.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Rep. Steinberg asked for a motion for Section V of the agenda which included Proposed Bills to be Considered for Change of Reference Action:
1. **Proposed S.B. No. 48** An Act Requiring Manufacturers of Brand Name Prescription Drugs to Provide Samples of Such Drugs to Manufacturers of Generic Prescription Drugs: *To General Law Committee*

2. **Proposed H.B. No. 5136** An Act Protecting Residents of Sober Living Homes: *To Judiciary Committee*

3. **Proposed H.B. No. 5139** An Act Concerning Tobacco Bars: *To General Law Committee*

4. **Proposed H.B. No. 5231** An Act Requiring Clarification of the Definition of "Cottage Food Products": *To General Law Committee*

5. **Proposed H.B. No. 5237** An Act Establishing a Home Canning Permit: *To General Law Committee*

6. **Proposed H.B. No. 5358** An Act Concerning the Seamless Transition of Children Among Behavioral Health Providers: *To Children Committee*


Rep. Candelora asked that the committee hold **Proposed H.B. No. 5136** An Act Protecting Residents of Sober Living Homes. Rep. Candelora added that after speaking to the agency, he discovered that this is a rather complicated issue and would prefer to not waste time with a bill that the committee might not be able to get done.

Rep. Steinberg asked if there any objections to holding the bill to which there were none.

Rep. Steinberg asked if there were any objections to voting on items 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 as a block to which there were none.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Rep. Steinberg noted that the next Public Health Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 10:30 AM in Room 1E of the LOB. He noted that while Public Health is an A committee that meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, it had received special permission to meet on Thursday, January 31, from Legislative Leadership pursuant to Joint Rule 5(b) (exception of scheduling requirements, subparagraph 2).

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

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Beverley Henry                Valentina Mehmeti
Administrator                Committee Clerk