Public Health Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, February 1, 2019

10:30 AM in Room 1D of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 AM by Chairman, Sen. Abrams M. S13.

The following committee members were present:

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

Representatives: Betts W. 078; Borer D. 115; Candelora V. 086; Carpino C. 032; Comey R. 102; Cook M. 065; 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; Ryan K. 139; Scanlon S. 098; Steinberg J. 136; Young P. 120; Zupkus L. 089

Absent were:

Senators: Arnone T. 058; Tercyak P. 026

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The meeting was called to order at 10:35 AM by Chairwoman, Sen. Abrams, S13.

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

1. An Act Concerning Telehealth.
2. AAC Recommendations of the Legislative Commissioners’ Office for Revisions to the Public Health Statutes.
Sen. Somers made the motion and Rep. Young offered the second.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Sen. Abrams asked for a motion for Section IV of the agenda which includes Proposed Bills to be Drafted as Committee Bills:

1. **Proposed H.B. No. 5444** An Act Requiring the Licensure of Art Therapists
2. **Proposed H.B. No. 6365** An Act Concerning a Registry of Persons who Abuse Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities

Rep. Betts made the motion and Sen. Somers offered the second.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Sen. Abrams asked for a motion for Section V of the agenda which includes Proposed Bills to be Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing:

1. **Proposed S.B. No. 380** An Act Concerning Mental Health and Wellness Training and Suicide Prevention for Law Enforcement Officers
2. **Proposed H.B. No. 5276** An Act Concerning the Safety of Nursing Home Patients at Risk of Falling
3. **Proposed H.B. No. 6128** An Act Concerning Continuing Education Requirements for Persons Licensed or Certified as Emergency Medical Services Personnel but who are not Employed as Emergency Medical Services Personnel
4. **Proposed H.B. No. 6134** An Act Concerning the Upgrading of Ambulance Services
5. **Proposed H.B. No. 6368** An Act Allowing Emergency Medical Technicians to Administer Epinephrine without the use of Automatic Prefilled Cartridge Injectors

Sen. Somers made the motion and Rep. Young offered the second.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Sen. Abrams asked for a motion for Section VI of the agenda which includes Proposed Bills to be Considered for Change of Reference Action:

1. **Proposed S.B. No. 142** An Act Requiring the Department of Public Health to Establish a Wholesale Prescription Drug Importation Program: *To General Law Committee*
2. **Proposed S.B. No. 143** An Act Concerning Authorization of Bonds of the State to the Town of Hebron for Replacement of Contaminated Water Lines in Hebron Elementary School: *To Education Committee*
3. **Proposed S.B. No. 160** An Act Concerning Authorization of Bonds of the State to the Town of Groton for the Establishment of a School-Based Health Center at Mary Morrison School: *To Finance Committee*
4. **Proposed S.B. No. 370** An Act Establishing a Prescription Drug Review Board: *To Insurance Committee*
5. **Proposed S.B. No. 371** An Act Establishing Rational Hospital Pricing: *To Human Services Committee*

6. **Proposed S.B. No. 446** An Act Requiring Pharmacies to Dispense Opioid Medication in Blister Packs: *To General Law Committee*

7. **Proposed S.B. No. 616** An Act Concerning the Provision of Social Services in Hospitals: *To Human Services Committee*

8. **Proposed S.B. No. 661** An Act Allowing Farm Brewery and Brew Pub Retail Customers to Bring their Dogs On-Premise: *To General Law Committee*

9. **Proposed H.B. No. 5652** An Act Requiring the Labeling of Certain Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Vapor Products: *To General Law Committee*

10. **Proposed H.B. No. 5753** An Act Requiring the Labeling of Certain Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Vapor Products: *To General Law Committee*

11. **Proposed H.B. No. 6140** An Act Allowing Physician Assistants the Ability to Certify a Patient for the Palliative use of Marijuana: *To General Law Committee*

12. **Proposed H.B. No. 6152** An Act Requiring the Inclusion of Methadone in the Electronic Prescription Drug Monitoring Program: *To General Law Committee*

13. **Proposed H.B. No. 6363** An Act Requiring Drop Boxes for the Disposal of Prescription Drugs at State Police Barracks and Public Institutions of Higher Education: *To General Law Committee*

14. **Proposed H.B. No. 6370** An Act Amending the Cottage Food Operation Statutes as they Relate to Maple Syrup Production: *To General Law Committee*

15. **Proposed H.B. No. 6512** An Act Permitting a Landlord to Prohibit a Person from Smoking Marijuana in the Landlord's Rental Unit: *To Judiciary Committee*

16. **Proposed H.B. No. 6513** An Act Concerning Mammograms and Ultrasounds for Breast Cancer Screening: *To Insurance Committee*

17. **Proposed H.B. No. 6521** An Act Concerning Tobacco Bars: *To General Law Committee*

18. **Proposed H.B. No. 6534** An Act Concerning Access to Affordable Quality Health Care: *To Human Services Committee*


The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Sen. Abrams announced the time and date of the next Committee Meeting and Public Hearing:

- **Public Hearing, Monday, February 4, 2019 at 10:30 AM in Room 1D of the LOB**

- **Committee Meeting, Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 10:30 AM in Room 1D of the LOB**

Rep. Betts requested that the committee leadership think about Monday’s public hearing and all subsequent public hearings, and recommended that the agenda lists non-controversial bills at the beginning as a courtesy to the public regarding wait time.
Rep. Steinberg noted that Rep. Betts made a good point and also recognized that the committee has done that in the past and will look into continuing to do so.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Beverley Henry
Administrator

Valentina Mehmeti
Committee Clerk