The meeting was called to order at 10:45 AM by Chairman, Rep. Steinberg J. 136.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Anwar S. S03; Daugherty Abrams M. S13; Somers H. S18

Representatives: Arnone T. 058; Betts W. 078; Borer D. 115; 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; Zupkus L. 089

Absent were:

Senators: Lesser M. S09

Representatives: Candelora V. 086; Tercyak P. 026; Young P. 120

Rep. Steinberg convened the meeting at 10:45 AM outside the House Chamber of the Capitol.

Rep. Steinberg proceeded to Section III of the agenda: Bill Referred from the House for Review.

1. Substitute For H.B. No. 6742 (Comm) (File No. 685) An Act Concerning The Licensing Of Estheticians, Nail Technicians And Eyelash Technicians. (Lab,Gae,App,Ph) (Referred on 5/16/19)
Rep. Steinberg deferred to Rep. Comey for comment as she is one of the legislators who spearhead the bill.

Rep. Comey stated that she was contacted about the issue by local health departments in her district and they strongly recommended that the industry should be regulated by the State.

Rep. Steinberg added that there are bad actors currently performing these services and it is the responsibility of the Public Health Committee to make sure that people are not harmed, and that individuals working in the field receive proper training.

Rep. Carpino asked for clarification on the effective date of the legislation. She stated that businesses will not have sufficient time to be licensed as this bill only gives them six months to do so.

Rep. Klarides-Ditria asked if licensure renewal will be required every two years.

Rep. Comey stated that that is correct.

Sen. Abrams acknowledged that the bill needs to be worked on, and that she will vote yes today so that it can get out of committee and we can continue working on it.

Rep. Betts asked about the fiscal note of the bill.

Rep. Steinberg stated that there will be net revenue of approximately $350,000, and the same amount is expected to be spent.

Rep. Petit suggested that it might be useful to have the Department of Public Health (DPH) take a look at the issue in order to determine the scope.

Sen. Abrams stated that Connecticut is the only state where individuals practicing in these fields are not licensed.

Rep. Petit reiterated that DPH should be able to conduct a scope of practice review to determine the scope of these individuals.

Rep. Comey stated that she has communicated with DPH and the Office of Higher Education (OHE) regarding the training of not only the practicing individuals in the field, but also the individuals giving the training.

Rep. Carpino asked if DPH and OHE were okay with this bill.

Rep. Comey answered that the Departments were okay with it.

Rep. Steinberg added that the Departments are not in support of this legislation as currently written.

Rep. Carpino informed the members of the Committee that there is a cost of $70,000.
Rep. Steinberg asked if there were any additional questions or comments on the bill, to which there were none.

Rep. Steinberg asked for a motion to JF to the Floor Substitute For H.B. No. 6742

Rep. Borer offered the motion and it was seconded by Rep. Comey.

Rep. Steinberg asked for a roll call vote.

Total voting = 21, Yea =16, Nay = 5, Abstain = 0, Absent and Not Voting = 4.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Bev Henry
Administrator

Valentina Mehmeti
Committee Clerk