

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 13, 2020

11:00 AM in Room 2D of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 11:11 by Chairman, Rep. Dathan L. 142.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Anwar S. S03; Bizzarro G. S06; Hartley J. S15; Kelly K. S21;
Lesser M. S09

Representatives: Dathan L. 142; de la Cruz J. 041; Delnicki T. 014; 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: Cassano S. S04

Representatives: Floren L. 149

Rep. Dathan, L 142 convened the meeting at 11:11AM and immediately recessed.

Sen. Lesser, M S09 reconvened the meeting at 11:46AM

Sen. Lesser, M S09 gave welcome back remarks and introduced the staff, including absent Diane Kubeck, committee clerk, who was being filled in for by Zoe Gluck, OLR, LCO, sessional staff Tim Anop and Lawrence Sanchez, and interns Rachel and Racheal. Following he asked for remarks from chairs and ranking members of which there were none.

IV CONCEPTS TO BE RAISED

Sen. Lesser, M S09 entertained a motion from Sen. Anwar, S S03 seconded by Rep. Dathan, L 142 to raise concepts 1-43:

- 1.AAC Automobile Insurance Coverage.
- 2.AAC Unlicensed Public Adjusters.
- 3.AA Requiring Health Insurance Coverage for Certain Surgical Procedures Performed to Treat Severe Obesity.
- 4.AA Requiring Health Insurance Coverage for Medical Foods for Persons Diagnosed with Phenylketonuria.
- 5.AA Requiring Health Insurance Coverage for Motorized Wheelchairs.
- 6.AAC Breast Cancer.
- 7.AAC Surety Bail Bond Agents.
- 8.AAC Long-Term Care Insurance.
- 9.AAC High Deductible Health Plans.
- 10.AAC Living Organ Donor Insurance Discrimination.
- 11.AA Prohibiting Certain Vehicle Storage Agreements as a Precondition to Vehicle Towing.
- 12.AAC Travel Insurance and Suicide.
- 13.AA Regarding Travel Insurance.
- 14.AA Extending the Premium Billing Notice Period for Renewal of Certain Personal and Commercial Risk Insurance Policies.
- 15.AAC Explanations of Benefits.
- 16.AAC Dental Insurance Coverage for Children, Stepchildren and Other Dependent Children.
- 17.AAC Dental and Vision Insurance Coverage for Children, Stepchildren and Other Dependent Children.
18. AA Requiring Certain Health Insurers to Offer and Sell a Qualified Health Plan Through the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange.
- 19.AAC Required Health Insurance Coverage for Detoxification and Substance Abuse Services.
20. AA Requiring Health Insurance Coverage for Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder.
21. AAC Required Health Insurance Coverage for Donor Breast Milk.

22. AA Requiring Health Insurance Coverage for Prescription Eyeglasses for Covered Dependent Children Who are Younger than Nineteen Years of Age.

23. AA Prohibiting Requirements for Prescribing Clinically Inappropriate Quantities of Outpatient Psychotropic Drugs.

24.AAC the Insurance Department's Recommendations Regarding Surety Bail Bond Agents.

25.AAC the Insurance Department's Recommendations Regarding the Public Health Fee, Third Party Performance of the Department's Employees' Duties, the Insurance Data Security Law and Assessments Against Domestic Insurance Companies and Entities.

26.AAC the Insurance Department's Recommendations Regarding Credit for Reinsurance.

27.AAC the Insurance Department's Recommendations Regarding Captive Insurance Companies.

28.AAC the Insurance Department's Recommendations Regarding Genetic Testing.

29.AAC the Insurance Department's Recommendations Regarding Homeowners Insurance, Credit Life Insurance, Credit Accident and Health Insurance and Insurance Producers.

30.AAC Collection Efforts By Hospitals and Collection Agents Against Uninsured and Underinsured Patients.

31.AA Expanding Required Health Insurance Coverage for Diabetes and High Deductible Health Plans.

32.AAC Prescription Drugs.

33.AAC Adverse Determination Reviews.

34.AAC Public Options for Health Care in Connecticut.

35.AAC the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

36.AA Requiring Health Care Sharing Ministries to Comply with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

37.AA Establishing a Task Force to Study the Small Group Health Insurance Market in this State.

38.AA Exempting Certain Captive Insurance Companies from the Insurance Premium Tax.

39.AA Establishing a Task Force to Study Health Insurance and Health Care Inequity in this State.

40.AA Establishing a Task Force to Study Health Insurance Coverage for Peer Support Services in this State.

41.AA Establishing a Task Force to Study Health Insurance Coverage for Undocumented Immigrants in this State.

42.AAC Health Insurance Coverage for Certain Epinephrine Cartridge Injectors.

43.AAC Insurance and Climate Change.

Rep. Polletta, J 068 asked for clarification on #20 of the aforementioned list, asking if it had anything to do with Cannabis or Marijuana.

Sen. Lesser, M S09 stated it did not.

Sen. Kelly, K S21 made a more administrative statement, saying that just because the committee is voting to raise concepts now does not mean the persons agree or disagree with them, but rather the issues should be raised to be talked about.

Sen. Lesser, M S09 called for a voice vote.

The motion was passed by voice vote.

V. TO DRAFT

Sen. Lesser, M S09 entertained a motion from Sen. Anwar, S S03 seconded by Rep. Hughes, A 135 to vote to draft the following:

[Proposed S.B. No. 1](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE MANUFACTURE AND DISTRIBUTION OF INSULIN. (INS)

Sen. Kelly, K S21 asked if this was the same SB1 members had seen a week prior or if it was a different Committee Bill.

Sen. Lesser, M S09 stated this was a working draft that would be struck and replaced.

Sen. Kelly, K S21 asked if the committee was proposing to draft the version from last week.

Sen. Lesser, M S09 stated that the content intended is not what is there now.

Sen. Kelly, K S21 raised concerns about taxing manufactures, and was reluctant to vote to draft an already public document that in time will not be the same.

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 stated that members including Kelly had just come from a press conference related to #31 on the list under subsection IV, stating using language from that issue and to use it in SB1 instead of the current language of SB1, stating this process was fair. He encouraged support.

Sen. Kelly, K S21 stated that if the concept was already being raised then he would flag this draft, and would not vote to draft until the language intended is seen.

Sen Lesser, M S09 stated the press conference labeled understanding of insulin, and urged yeas voted because it is voting for what was spoken of in said press conference.

Rep. Pavalock-D'amato, C 077 stated she understands both sides of this, but stated she wished this was not the vehicle being used for this concept, and requested a roll call vote.

Rep. Polletta, J 068 asked if there was any fee or cost added to production of Insulin with this bill.

Sen. Lesser, M S09 stated that the language in this bill at this time, yes but substitute language would eliminate that, but Yea votes are needed to voted to draft that legislation.

Rep. Polletta, J 068 stated concerns that a yes vote for this would be a vote to for a bill that raises fees/costs.

Sen Lesser, M S09 disagreed with that statement, but rather a yes vote is to draft a bill that they see fit.

Rep. Polletta, J 068 asked if the committee were to hold on this issue is there any downfall from doing so.

Sen. Lesser, MS09 explained the longer the wait the longer this langue will be out publicly which may not be the intention in terms of what the committee wants to do about Insulin, and could cause public concerns.

Sen. Anwar, S03 offered clarifications, stating the intent is to cap the price so out of pocket costs are affordable for people. He then stated he was voting yes for the people.

Rep. Vail, K 052 said he supports the concept, but prefers to vote on what is in front of him at the time and at this time he is voting no. Furthermore, he stated that If #31 in section IV of raised concepts could be the vehicle then that should be what is used.

Rep. O'Neill, A 069 asked LCO if this draft can be amended.

Sen. Lesser, M S09 responded no, but that through striking what is there, substitute language could be implemented.

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 stated he does not support Insulin fees, but voting to draft supports putting forward a vehicle (SB 1) to keep the conversation going. The Clerk called a roll call vote.

SB1 Passed

Those Voting Yea:12

Those Voting Nay:6

Abstain: 0

Absent and Not Voting:2

Sen. Lesser, M S09 remarked that votes for this meeting would be held open until 4PM in room 2500, and date and time for next meeting is TBD.

Sen. Lesser, M S09 recessed the meeting at 12:06PM.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00PM.

Administrator

Timothy Anop
Committee Assistant Clerk