

Public Safety and Security Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

9:00 AM in Zoom and YouTube Live

The meeting was called to order at 9:06AM by Chairman, Rep. Horn M. 064.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Bradley D. S23; Cassano S. S04; Champagne D. S35; Cicarella P. S34; Fonfara J. S01; Osten C. S19

Representatives: Allie-Brennan R. 002; Barry J. 031; Borer D. 115; Boyd P. 050; DiGiovancarlo M. 074; DiMassa M. 116; Felipe A. 130; Fishbein C. 090; Genga H. 010; Green R. 055; Hall C. 059; Hayes R. 051; Horn M. 064; Howard G. 043; McGorty B. 122; Paolillo A. 097; Quinn M. 082; Vail K. 052

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives: Gonzalez M. 003

Rep. Horn advised the committee that the first group of bills on the agenda were regarding online/sports betting. A lot of work has been done on these bills and she was proud of the work that has been done and is aware that details still need to be worked out. She invited co-chairs and ranking members to make comments.

Sen. Champagne thanked the committee for all the work done.

Rep. Green thanked the committee and said it was a pleasure.

Sen. Osten was glad that the committee has gotten to this point.

Rep. Vail thanked members of the committee on both sides of the aisle. There have been many issues, but the members continued to work together.

BILLS FOR REVIEW

Rep Horn asked for a motion for Item #1 SB146 JFS to the floor. Motion made by Sen. Osten and seconded by Rep. Paolillo. Rep. Horn asked if there were any comments, etc. Members did have questions and comments, discussion followed. Roll call vote, motion passed.

Rep. Horn asked for a motion for Item #2 SB570 JFS to the floor. Motion made by Rep. Paolillo and seconded by Rep. Quinn. Sen. Bradley described the bill. Discussion followed. Roll call vote, motion carried.

Rep. Horn asked for a motion for Item #3 HB6451 JFS to the floor. Motion made by Rep. Paolillo and seconded by Rep. Howard. Rep Horn explained that this is the Governor's Bill. It represents the Governor's intention and in some cases the agreement with all the parties concerned. Discussion followed. Roll call vote, motion passed.

Rep. Horn asked for a motion for Item #4 HB6512 JFS to the floor. Motion made by Rep. Paolillo and seconded by Sen. Osten. Rep. Horn explained this bill has a wide range of consumer protections for sports wagering. Discussion followed. Roll call vote, motion passed.

Rep. Horn asked for a motion for Item #5 HB6038 JF to the floor. Motion made by Rep. Paolillo and seconded by Rep. Genga. Rep. Horn explained this bill. Rep. Green made a motion to place HB6038 on a consent calendar and was seconded by Rep. Genga. No objections. Placed on consent calendar.

Rep. Horn asked for a motion for Item #6 HB6048 JF to the floor. Motion made by Rep. Paolillo and seconded by Rep. DiMassa. Discussion followed. Roll call vote, motion passed.

Rep. Horn asked for a motion for Item #7 HB5586 JFS to the floor. Motion made by Rep. Fishbein and seconded by Sen. Champagne. A written amendment was introduced by Rep. Felipe and a motion was called by Rep. Felipe and seconded by Rep. Genga. Rep. Horn explained that this was a friendly amendment. The amendment was described by Rep. Felipe. Rep. Hall thanked the committee members for this amendment and get it over the finish line. LCO recommends that there be a roll call vote on this amendment. Roll call vote, motion carried.

A verbal amendment was introduced to add the word "protective" to Line 7 before the word custody. Rep. Fishbein that this is a friendly amendment. Motion made by Rep. Fishbein and seconded by Rep. Vail. Voice vote held, motion passed.

Item #7 HB5586 roll call vote held to JF to the floor as amended, motion passed.

Rep. Horn asked for a motion for Item #8 SB572 JFS to the floor. Motion made by Rep. Paolillo and seconded by Rep. Quinn. Rep. Green asked to place SB572 on the consent calendar. No objections.

Rep. Horn asked for a motion for Item #9 HB6034 JFS to the floor. Motion made by Rep. Paolillo and seconded by Rep. Quinn. Rep. Green asked to place HB6034 on the consent calendar. No objections

Rep. Horn asked for a motion for Item #10 SB845 JFS to the floor. Motion made by Rep. Paolillo and seconded by Rep. Green. Rep. Green asked to place this item on the consent calendar. No objections.

Rep. Horn asked for a motion for Item #11 HB6600 JFS to the floor. Motion made by Rep. Paolillo and seconded by Rep. Allie-Brennan. Rep. Hall supports this bill however agreed upon language to remove the 1978 date and there was an agreement by fire marshals and realtors to remove the \$250.00 fee to the sellers. If these things are done, she would support the bill moving out of committee, however she will vote no to flag the bill for the missing language. Sen. Champagne will also vote no to flag it for the language. Roll call vote, motion carried.

Rep. Horn asked for a motion for Item #12 HB846 JFS to the floor. Motion made by Rep. Paolillo and seconded by Rep. Green. Rep. Green asked to place HB846 on the consent calendar. No objections.

Rep. Horn asked for a motion for Item #13 HB6302 JFS to the floor. Motion made by Rep. Paolillo and seconded by Rep. Green. Rep. Green asked to place HB6302 on the consent calendar. No objections.

Rep. Horn asked for a motion for Item #14 HB6599 JFS to the floor. Motion made by Rep. Paolillo and seconded by Rep. Quinn. Rep. Green asked to place HB6599 on the consent calendar. No objections

Rep. Horn asked for a motion for Item #15 HB5164 JF to the floor. Motion made by Rep. Paolillo and seconded by Sen. Champagne. Discussion followed. Rep. Green explained the bill and that it was asked for by one of her constituents. Rep. Fishbein stated that he would be voting no. Roll call vote, motion carried.

Rep. Horn asked for a motion for Item #16 HB5201 JF to the floor. Motion made by Rep. Paolillo and seconded by Sen. Osten. Rep. Green asked that HB5201 be placed on the consent calendar. No objections.

Rep. Horn asked for a motion for Item#17 HB5722 JFS to the floor. Motion made by Rep. Paolillo and seconded by Rep. Fishbein. Discussion followed regarding the amount of the tax exemption for firefighters and volunteer ambulance members. Motion made by Rep. Hayes and seconded by Rep. Fishbein for a verbal amendment to increase the amount to a total of \$1,500 for a state tax exemption. Discussion followed regarding this amendment. The committee was advised that there would be a fiscal note attached to this bill. Rep. Horn called a recess at 12:17PM and reconvened at 12:20PM. Roll call vote held on amendment A, motion carried. Rep. Vail asked that HB5722 as amended be placed on the consent calendar. No objections.

The consent calendar as follows: HB6038, SB572, HB6034, SB845, SB846, HB6302, HB6599, HB5201, and HB5722 as amended. Roll call vote, motion carried.

Meeting will be held open until 1:30PM to allow members to vote.
The meeting was adjourned at 1:30PM the meeting was adjourned.

