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HEALTH POLICY COMMITTEE

SENATOR JIM MARLEAU, CHAIRMAN

MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Health Policy was held on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Senate Hearing Room of the Boji Tower.

Senator Marleau called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Marleau (C), Robertson, Emmons, Hune Jones, Schuitmaker, Warren, and Gleason

Absent: None

Excused: None

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Senator Marleau announced the order of business:

- Adoption of the minutes from the meeting of May 17, 2012
- Adoption of the minutes from the meeting of June 6, 2012
- SB 975 Sen. Moolenaar Health; other; religious liberty and conscience protection act; enact to allow health care payers, health facilities, and health providers a right to decline to provide or pay for certain objectionable health care services.
- HB 4718 Rep. Kowall Occupations; dental hygienists; supervision of assistants during certain procedures; authorize.

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Senator Robertson made a motion to adopt the minutes from the meeting of May 17, 2012; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Emmons made a motion to adopt the minutes from the meeting of June 6, 2012; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Marleau announced the next order of business was Senate Bill 975.

Senator Moolenaar gave the members an overview of the bill and S-1 substitute.

The following people gave testimony concerning Senate Bill 975:

- Tom Hickson, Michigan Catholic Conference – Support
- Shelli Weisberg, ACLU of Michigan – Opposed
- Mary Pollock, Michigan National Organization for Women – Opposed
- Dr. Jody Jones, OB/GYN, Michigan Section – American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists – Opposed
- Kathy Hagenian, Michigan Coalition of Domestic and Sexual Violence – Opposed
- Ed Rivet, Right to Life of Michigan – Support

The following people submitted cards in opposition to Senate Bill 975 but did not wish to speak:

- Christine Shearer, Michigan Association of Health Plans
- Barbara Murray, HIV/AIDS Alliance
- Chris Mitchell, Michigan Health and Hospital Association
- Cami Pendell, Michigan School of Professional Psychology
- Jean Doss, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan
- Lynn Weimeister, Beaumont Health System

Senator Marleau advised members that they would be taking testimony only on the measure at this meeting.

Senator Marleau announced the next order of business was House Bill 4718.

Adam Stefanick, on behalf of Representative Kowall, and Bonnie Nothoff, with the Michigan Dental Hygienists Association gave members a brief overview of the bill.

The following people submitted cards indicating their position on the bill but did not wish to speak:

- Kit Murphy, Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs – Neutral
- Susan Deming, Michigan Department of Community Health – Support
- Bill Sullivan, Michigan Dental Association – Support

There being no further testimony, Senator Hune offered a motion to report House Bill 4718 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Marleau, Robertson, Emmons, Hune, Jones, Schuitmaker, Warren, and Gleason

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Emmons made a motion to recommend immediate effect; being no objection, the motion carried.

Senator Marleau adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:55 a.m.

**Date approved by the Committee: July 18, 2012**

\*\*An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.