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Senate Committee on Judiciary
Minutes

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

Members present: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca and Bieda
Members excused: None

Senator Jones called the meeting to order and announced the order of business for the meeting:

- HB 4907 (Rep. Walsh) – Crimes; arson; technical amendments; provide for.
- HB 4908 (Rep. Walsh) – Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for certain arson violations; revise.
- SB 729 (Sen. Hansen) – Criminal procedure; other; recovery of certain costs for prosecution of retail fraud; provide for.

Senator Schuitmaker moved to adopt the minutes from January 21, 2014 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

The Chairman invited Valerie Knol and Kelly Casper of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office to explain House Bill 4907 and House Bill 4908. The two then answered questions for committee members.

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak concerning House Bill 4907 and House Bill 4908:

- Mike Pendy, Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan – Support
- Peter Kuhnmuensch, Insurance Institute of Michigan – Support

Senator Jones moved to adopt an amendment to House Bill 4907. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Bieda (4/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Jones moved that House Bill 4907 be reported out of committee as amended as a clean substitute with the recommendation that the bill then pass. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Bieda (4/4)

Nays: (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Bieda moved the committee recommend immediate effect. Without objection, the committee further recommended that House Bill 4907 be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Jones moved to adopt an amendment to House Bill 4908. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Bieda (4/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Jones moved that House Bill 4908 be reported out of committee as amended as a clean substitute with the recommendation that the bill then pass. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Bieda (4/4)

Nays: (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Bieda moved the committee recommend immediate effect. Without objection, the committee further recommended that House Bill 4908 be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

The Chairman invited Senator Hansen and Bruce Morningstar of the Fruitport Township Police Department forward to explain Senate Bill 729. The two then answered questions for committee members.

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak concerning Senate Bill 729:

- Judy Allen, Michigan Townships Association – Support
- Robert Stevenson, Executive Director of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police – Support
- Amy Drumm, Michigan Retailers Association – Support
- Cynthia Cutright, Michigan Bankers Association – Support

Senator Bieda moved that Senate Bill 729 be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the bill then pass. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Bieda (4/4)

Nays: (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Bieda moved the committee recommend immediate effect. Without objection, the committee further recommended that Senate Bill 729 be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

With no further business before the committee, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:48 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: February 4, 2014

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