

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY REFORM

MINUTES FOR September 15, 2010

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Regulatory Reform was held on Wednesday, September 15, 2010, in room 405 of the Capitol Building at 1:00 pm.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Allen, Gilbert, Thomas, and Hunter
Excused: Senator Jacobs

The Agenda Summary is as follows:

House Bill 5198 - Reported the (S-1) version with favorable recommendation and I.E.
House Bill 5199 - Reported the (S-2) version with favorable recommendation and I.E.
House Bill 6007 - Reported the (S-2) version with favorable recommendation and I.E.
House Bill 6196 - Reported with favorable recommendation and I.E.
House Bill 4663 - Testimony only, no vote taken

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm. The Chair began by taking roll and asking members to approve the minutes from the previous meeting of June 24, 2010. A motion was offered by Senator Thomas, support given by Senator Gilbert, and the members approved the minutes by a vote of 4 to 0 as follows:

Approval of the minutes from the 06-24-10 meeting:
Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Gilbert, Thomas, and Hunter
Nays: None

The Chair began by taking testimony on House Bills 5198-99.

House Bill 5198 introduced by Representative Haugh; Liquor; licenses; provision regarding furnishing alcoholic beverages to a minor; revise penalties.

House Bill 5199 introduced by Representative Haugh; Liquor; licenses; license suspension for person selling alcohol to a minor; provide for.

Representative Haugh provided background on the need for these bills.

For the purposes of discussion Senator Gilbert made the motion to adopt the S-1 version of HB 5198. Senator Richardville offered support and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows:

Adopt the S-1 version of House Bill 5198:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Allen, Gilbert, Thomas, and Hunter

Nays: None

Senator Allen then made the motion to adopt the S-2 version of HB 5199. Senator Gilbert offered support and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows:

Adopt the S-2 version of House Bill 5199:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Allen, Gilbert, Thomas, and Hunter

Nays: None

Doug Novak, representing the office of the Secretary of State, offered additional remarks on the bills.

Question and discussion followed.

Ralph Blackman, on behalf of The Century Council, submitted a card in support of the bills but did not wish to testify.

Rob Elhenicky, with Kelley Cawthorne, representing Diageo, submitted a card in support of the bills but did not wish to speak.

Being no further testimony, Senator Richardville made a motion to report the S-1 version of House Bill 5198 with the Committee's favorable recommendation. Support was offered by Senator Sanborn and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows:

Report the S-1 version of House Bill 5198:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Allen, Gilbert, Thomas, and Hunter

Nays: None

A motion to recommend immediate effect was offered by Senator Allen. Support for the motion was offered by Senator Gilbert and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows:

Recommend immediate effect for HB 5198 (S-1):

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Allen, Gilbert, Thomas, and Hunter

Nays: None

Senator Gilbert then made a motion to report the S-2 version of House Bill 5199 with the Committee's favorable recommendation. Support was offered by Senator Allen and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows:

Report the S-2 version of House Bill 5199:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Allen, Gilbert, Thomas, and Hunter

Nays: None

A motion to recommend immediate effect was offered by Senator Richardville. Support for the motion was offered by Senator Gilbert and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows:

Recommend immediate effect for HB 5199 (S-2):

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Allen, Gilbert, Thomas, and Hunter

Nays: None

The Chair then turned the members' attention to House Bill 6007.

House Bill 6007 introduced by Representative Crawford; Liquor; licenses; continuing care retirement center liquor license; create.

Brendan Ringlever offered a brief background on the bill.

Stephanie Winslow, on behalf of the Aging Services of Michigan, submitted a card in support of the bill but did not want to offer testimony.

Being no further testimony, Senator Allen then made the motion to adopt the S-2 version of HB 6007. Senator Gilbert offered support and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows:

Adopt the S-2 version of House Bill 6007:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Allen, Gilbert, Thomas, and Hunter

Nays: None

Senator Richardville made a motion to report the S-2 version of House Bill 6007 with the Committee's favorable recommendation. Support was offered by Senator Gilbert and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows:

Report the S-2 version of House Bill 6007:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Allen, Gilbert, Thomas, and Hunter

Nays: None

A motion to recommend immediate effect was offered by Senator Hunter. Support for the motion was offered by Senator Thomas and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows:

Recommend immediate effect for HB 6007 (S-2):

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Allen, Gilbert, Thomas, and Hunter

Nays: None

The Chair then turned the members' attention to House Bill 6196.

House Bill 6196 introduced by Representative Johnson; Occupations; accounting; scope of practice for public accountants; revise.

Andrew Mutavdzija, on behalf of Representative Johnson, spoke in support of the legislation.

Paul Taros, a Certified Public Accountant, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Dennis Echelbarger, with the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, spoke in support of the bill.

Questions and discussion followed.

Senator Hunter then made a motion to report House Bill 6196 with the Committee's favorable recommendation. Support was offered by Senator Sanborn and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows:

Report House Bill 6196 with favorable recommendation:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Allen, Gilbert, Thomas, and Hunter

Nays: None

A motion to recommend immediate effect was offered by Senator Richardville. Support for the motion was offered by Senator Gilbert and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows:

Recommend immediate effect for HB 6196:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Allen, Gilbert, Thomas, and Hunter

Nays: None

The Chair then moved on to the final item on the agenda, House Bill 4663.

House Bill 4663 introduced by Representative Espinoza; Occupations; individual licensing and regulation; dealers or research facilities using dogs and cats for certain purposes; clarify regulation.

Representative Espinoza gave testimony explaining the legislation to the members.

Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair then read the cards of those not wishing to speak:

- Sunday Mits, representing MAPBD and PMID, from Clare, Michigan; opposed
- Tonia Ritter, on behalf of MI Farm Bureau, neutral with concerns
- Dr. Steve Halstead, MI Dept of Agriculture, neutral
- Bill Zaagman, with GCSI representing the MI Humane Society, supporting
- Doug Thoms, of Charlotte, MI; supporting
- Beth Contreras, of East Lansing, MI; supporting
- Maria Lott, of Alma, MI; supporting

- Jill Fritz, representing the Humane Society of the United States, supporting
- Holly Sauve, with the Voiceless of MI; supporting
- David Sauve, of Lansing, MI; supporting
- Judy Oisten; Helping Eaton Animals Resource Team; supporting
- Helen Enander, of Lansing, MI; supporting
- Eileen Burr; with Montcalm Co. Citizens for Animal Welfare, supporting
- Patricia Roost, of Lansing, MI; supporting
- Michael Urbanski, from the Concerned Citizen Coalition, supporting
- Jeanne Urbanski, also with the Concerned Citizen Coalition, supporting
- Judy Hood, of Bath, MI; supporting

Dr. Al Stinson, DVM, representing the MI Hunting Dog Federation and MI Association of Pure Bred Dogs, gave testimony in opposition to the bill.

Allie Phillips, with the American Humane Society, testified in support of the bill.

Questions and discussion followed.

Mary Ulrich, of Cheri-Hill Kennel and Supply, gave testimony in opposition to the bills.

Fred Hodgins, with Hodgins Kennel Inc., offered remarks in opposition to the legislation.

Gretchen Harrison, a resident of Alma, MI, spoke in support of the measure.

Marie Green, a resident from Ithaca, MI, offered testimony supporting the bill.

George Carr, representing the MI Veterinary Medical Association, spoke in opposition to the measure.

Questions and discussion followed. After a discussion among the members the decision was made to postpone voting until further information was made available.

Being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.