

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs was held Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in room 100 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Members present: Senators Allen, Pappageorge, Garcia, Olshove and Basham

Members excused: None

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Senator Allen called the meeting to order.

Senator Pappageorge moved for the adoption of the minutes from the meeting held Tuesday, November 10, 2009 meeting by unanimous consent. Senator Garcia supported motion. By unanimous consent, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Allen put forth before the committee Senate Bill 574 (Sen. Garcia).

Senator Garcia deferred to Fred Schaible, from the Senate Majority Policy Office, to explain the bill.

Mr. Schaible explained that the bill allows for certain veterans, based on their experience, to be able to waive the required Commercial Drivers License test when applying for that license. Mr. Schaible noted that federal guidelines allowed states to do such a waiver.

James Fackler, representing the Secretary of State, supported the legislation and did not wish to testify.

Douglas Williams, representing the The American Legion The Marine Corps League & The Commanders Group, supported the legislation and did not wish to testify.

Lino B. Pretto, representing the Purple Heart, supported the legislation and did not wish to testify.

Sgt. Chris Hawkins, representing the Michigan State Policy, supported the legislation and did not wish to testify.

Senator Garcia moved that Senate Bill 574 be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Senator Olshove supported the motion. 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 Allen, Pappageorge, Garcia, Olshove, and Basham (5/5)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Olshove moved that Senate Bill 574 be given immediate effect. Senator Pappageorge supported the motion.

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 Allen, Pappageorge, Garcia, Olshove, and Basham (5/5)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Allen asked Mr. Schaible and Ken Osborne to update the committee on the Elder Friendly legislation. Mr. Osborne explained that there would be a package of 8-10 bills, and that staff would be contacting the staff of the senators for sponsorship opportunities as well as setting up times to tour areas in their districts. Mr. Osborne stated that tours would take place in mid-February.

There being no further business to discuss, Senator Allen adjourned the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Lauren K. Michalak  
Committee Clerk

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Jason Allen  
Chairman

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Date Approved by Committee