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MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Health Policy Committee was held on Thursday, November 3, 2011, at 2:30 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room of the Boji Tower. Since session ran later than expected the start of the meeting was delayed; Senator Marleau called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Marleau (C), Robertson, Emmons, Hune, Jones, Schuitmaker, Warren and Gleason
Absent: None
Excused: None

Senator Marleau announced the order of business:

- Adoption of the October 6, 2011 minutes
- SB 693 Sen. Marleau Insurance; health; MiHealth marketplace; establish.
- HB 4893 Rep. Callton Occupations; optometrists; special volunteer license and immunity from liability; expand to include optometrists.

Senator Hune moved to adopt the minutes of October 6, 2011. Without objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Marleau announced the next order of business was House Bill 4893. As the sponsor, Representative Callton gave an explanation of the bill.

Dr. Matt Maki, representing MI Optometric Association offered testimony in support of the bill.

Being no further testimony, Senator Emmons offered a motion to report House Bill 4893 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Marleau, Robertson, Emmons, Hune, Jones, Warren, and Gleason
Nays: None
Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

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

Senator Marleau announced the next order of business was Senate Bill 693. As the sponsor, Senator Marleau offered an explanation of the bill.

A brief video regarding this issue was shown to the members and audience.

The following individuals testified in support of the bill:

- Rick Murdock, MI Association of Health Plans
- Scott Hummel, MI Association of Insurance Agents
- Douglas Paterson, MI Primary Care Association
- Michelle Fundaro, Social Worker, Monroe Community Mental Health
- Tameshia Bridges, Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute, Michigan

Shelly Edgerton and Chris Priest, representing Michigan Licensing and Regulatory Affairs offered testimony on the legislation.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak:

- Don Hazaert and Brett Williams, MI Consumers for Healthcare
- Dave Finkbeiner, MI Health and Hospital Association
- Kathleen Johnson-Calati, MI Disability Rights Coalition
- Colin Ford, Michigan State Medical Society
- Vicki Rakowski, American Cancer Society
- Greg Baran, MI Pharmacists Association
- Ruth Linnemann, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, MI Chapter
- Kevin McKinney, MI Osteopathic Association

Tina DuPont, resident of Rockford, Michigan, submitted a card opposing the bill at a previous meeting, but was not in attendance at this meeting to offer testimony.

Senator Marleau advised the members that further work would continue on the measure.

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Marleau adjourned the meeting without objection at 4:34 p.m.

Date approved by the Committee: November 8, 2011

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