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Senate Committee on Judiciary

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 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
Members excused: Senator Bieda

Senator Jones called the meeting to order.

Senator Jones announced that the agenda for the committee:

Approval of Minutes

SB 779	Sen. Hopgood	Crimes; weapons; altering a firearm or an imitation firearm; prohibit, and provide penalties.
SB 780	Sen. Jones	Crimes; weapons; brandishing of imitation firearms; prohibit, and increase penalties.
SB 781	Sen. Bieda	Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for crime of altering a firearm or imitation firearm; enact, and increase certain penalties.

Senator Schuitmaker moved to adopt the minutes from November 29, 2011 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Jones placed before the committee Senate Bills 779-781 (Sens. Hopgood, Jones and Bieda). Senator Jones announced that there were substitutes for SB 779, 780 and 781. Senator Jones explained the package of bills and substitutes to committee members and answered questions.

The following persons submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bills 779-781:

- Sgt. Dwayne L. Gill, representing the Michigan State Police—Support

- Isabelle Terry, citizen—Opposed

Senator Schuitmaker moved to adopt the S-3 Substitute to Senate Bill 779. 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 (3/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senator Bieda (1)

Senator Schuitmaker moved that Senate Bill 779 S-3 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 (3/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senator Bieda (1)

Senator Schuitmaker moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 779 S-3. Without objection, the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Schuitmaker moved to adopt the S-2 Substitute to Senate Bill 780. 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 (3/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senator Bieda (1)

Senator Rocca moved that Senate Bill 780 S-2 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 (3/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senator Bieda (1)

Senator Rocca moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 780 S-2. Without objection, the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Rocca moved to adopt the S-3 Substitute to Senate Bill 781. 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 (3/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senator Bieda (1)

Senator Rocca moved that Senate Bill 781 S-3 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 (3/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senator Bieda (1)

Senator Rocca moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 781 S-3. Without objection, the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Rocca moved to excuse absent members. Without objection, absent members were excused.

Senator Jones adjourned the committee at 2:34 p.m.

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