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MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Transportation held a meeting on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building.

Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Casperson (C), Kowall, Brandenburg, Pavlov, Hansen, Gleason, and Hood

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Casperson announced the following order of business:

- Adoption of May 15, 2012 minutes
- SB 402 Sen. Schuitmaker Occupations; physicians; voluntary reporting to secretary of state patients with conditions that affect ability to operate a motor vehicle; allow, and provide for immunity.
- SB 403 Sen. Schuitmaker Traffic control; driver license; examination regarding existence of certain medical condition affecting applicant's ability to operate safely; revise and clarify.
- HB 5228 Rep. MacMaster Transportation; carriers; applicability of motor carrier safety act of 1963 to certain commercial vehicles; revise to exclude commercial vehicles weighing under 26,001 pounds.

Senator Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Kowall offered a motion to adopt the minutes of the May 15, 2012 committee meeting; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business would be Senate Bill 402 and Senate Bill 403. Senator Schuitmaker explained SB 402 S-1 and SB 403 S-1 for the committee, then answered questions for committee members.

The following individuals testified concerning SB 402 and SB 403:

- Dr. Marianna Spanaki, Michigan State Medical Society – Support
- Todd Tennis, Negligence Law Section, State Bar of Michigan – Neutral
- James Fackler, Secretary of State – Support

The following individuals submitted written testimony concerning SB 402 and SB 403:

- Arlene Gorelick, Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan – Oppose

The following individuals submitted a card but did not wish to speak concerning SB 402 and SB 403:

- Kevin McKinney, Michigan Osteopathic Association – Support
- Cindy Schnetzler, Michigan Optometric Association – Support (SB 402)

This was the first week the bill had been brought before the members so testimony was taken and the legislation was held over for voting at a later date.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business would be House Bill 5228.

Representative MacMaster explained HB 5228 S-2 for the committee, then answered questions for committee members.

The following individuals testified concerning HB 5228:

- Sgt. Dwayne Gill, Michigan State Police – Support

The following individuals submitted a card but did not wish to speak concerning HB 5228:

- Dave Jessup, Small Business Association of Michigan – Support
- Chris Fisher, Associated Builders and Contractors – Support
- Charles Owens, National Federation of Independent Businesses – Support
- Amy Frankmann, Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association – Support
- Matt Smego, Michigan Farm Bureau – Support

Senator Kowall made a motion to adopt the S-2 substitute to HB 5228.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Kowall, Brandenburg, Pavlov, Hansen, Gleason, and Hood

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Brandenburg made a motion to report HB 5228 S-2 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Kowall, Brandenburg, Pavlov, Hansen, Gleason, and Hood

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson offered a motion to recommend immediate effect; being no objection, the motion carried.

Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: June 5, 2012

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