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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
May 5, 2015

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at 3:00 p.m., in room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The agenda summary is as follows:

1. HB 4076 (Rendon) Weapons; firearms; reference to certain repealed definition in the penal code; eliminate.
2. SB 219 (Jones) Crimes; animals; ownership of animals by a person convicted by certain crimes against animals; require court to prohibit for a period of at least 5 years.
3. SB 220 (Bieda) Law enforcement; reports; access by animal shelter to certain criminal history record information through ICHAT; allow without a fee for purposes of animal adoption.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll. At that time, the following members were present; Sen.(s) Jones, Schuitmaker, Colbeck, and Bieda, a quorum was present.

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the minutes from April 28, 2015. Senator Bieda so moved, and without objection the minutes were adopted.

The Chairman made a motion to report House Bill 4076 to the floor with recommendation that it then pass.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Jones, Schuitmaker, Colbeck, Bieda

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman made a motion to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 4076. Without Objection, immediate effect was recommended.

Senator Rocca arrived at 3:38 p.m.

The Chairman and Senator Bieda gave an overview of the substitute versions to Senate Bill 219 and Senate Bill 220.

The following individuals testified before members to indicate their position on SB 219 and SB 220:

Beatrice Friedlander, Animal Law Section of State Bar of MI and Attorneys for Animals – support

Matthew Falk, Logan’s Law – support

Nancy Falk, Blue Water Humane Society – support

The Chairman read in testimony cards from the following individuals for SB 219 and SB 220:

Amy Drumm, Michigan Retailers Association – support

Debra Harris, Logan’s Law – support

Kelly Cline, Logan’s Law – support

Leslie Armstrong, Logan’s Law – support

Jo Ellyn Edwards, Logan’s Law – support

Terri Schmitt, Logan’s Law – support

Dana Eva, Logan’s Law – support

Michelle M. Ferguson, Logan’s Law – support

Alecia Prygoski, Student Animal Legal Defense Fund at Cooley Law School

Mia McNeil, Protect Michigan Dogs – support (SB 220)

Mia McNeil, Protect Michigan Dogs – neutral (SB 219)

Matt Smego, Michigan Farm Bureau – neutral

Lynn Zalenski, Logan’s Law – support

Renee Salisbury, Logan’s Law – support

The Chairman made a motion to adopt the substitute S-1 version to Senate Bill 219.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Colbeck, Bieda

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed and the substitute was adopted.

The Chairman made a motion to report Senate Bill 219 to the floor with recommendation that it then pass.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Colbeck, Bieda

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman made a motion to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 219. Without Objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman made a motion to adopt the substitute S-1 version to Senate Bill 220.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Colbeck, Bieda

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed and the substitute was adopted.

The Chairman made a motion to report Senate Bill 220 to the floor with recommendation that it then pass.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Colbeck, Bieda

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman made a motion to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 220. Without Objection, immediate effect was recommended.

Being no further business before the Committee, The Chairman adjourned the Senate Committee on Judiciary without objection at 3:50 p.m.

Date Adopted by Committee: 5/12/2015