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**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 20, 2015**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was scheduled for Tuesday, October 30, 2015, at 3:00 p.m., in room 110 of the Farnum Building.

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**The agenda summary is as follows:**

1. SB 487 (Sen. Boohar) Reported with recommendation and immediate effect
  2. SB 488 (Sen. Boohar) Reported S-1 with recommendation and immediate effect
  3. HB 4535 (Rep. Theis) Reported S-1 with recommendation and immediate effect
  4. SB 558 (Sen. Jones) Reported S-1 with recommendation and immediate effect
  5. SB 559 (Sen. Jones) Reported with recommendation and immediate effect
  6. SB 560 (Sen. Jones) Reported S-1 with recommendation and immediate effect
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The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll. At that time, the following members were present; Sen.(s) Jones, Schuitmaker, and Rocca, a quorum was present.

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the minutes from October 13, 2015. Senator Schuitmaker so moved, and without objection the minutes were adopted.

The Chairman invited Senator Boohar to give an overview of SB 487 and SB 488.

The following people gave testimony to show their position on SB 487 and SB 488:

- Shelli Weisberg, ACLU of Michigan – neutral (SB 487)
- Bryan Burns, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association – neutral (SB 487)
- Kyle Kaminski, Michigan Department of Corrections – neutral (SB 487, SB 488)

The Chairman read in the testimony cards for the following people for SB 487 and SB 488:  
Jeremy Tripp, Michigan Corrections Organization – support (SB 487, SB 488)

The Chairman made a motion to report Senate Bill 487 to the floor with recommendation that it then pass.

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

Nays:

Pass: Sen. Colbeck

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman made a motion to recommend immediate effect, without objection immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman made a motion to adopt the S-1 substitute to Senate Bill 488.

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

Nays: None

Pass: Sen. Colbeck

The motion prevailed and the substitute was adopted.

The Chairman made a motion to report the S-1 substitute to Senate Bill 488 to the floor with recommendation that it then pass.

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

Nays:

Pass: Sen. Colbeck

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman made a motion to recommend immediate effect, without objection immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman invited Representative Theis to give an overview of HB 4535.

The following people gave testimony to show their position on HB 4535.

Meghan Reckling, Rep. Theis – no position given

Mark Reckling, Mason Police Department – support

The Chairman read in the testimony cards for the following people for HB 4535.

Tim Fitzgerald, Michigan State Police - support

The Chairman made a motion to adopt the S-1 substitute to House Bill 4535.

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

Nays: None

Excused: Sen. Colbeck, Bieda

The motion prevailed and the substitute was adopted.

The Chairman made a motion to report the S-1 substitute to House Bill 4535 to the floor with recommendation that it then pass.

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

Nays:

Excused: Sen. Bieda

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman made a motion to recommend immediate effect, without objection immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman gave an overview of SB 558, SB 559 and SB 560.

The following people gave testimony to show their position on SB 558, SB 559 and SB 560:

David Pierson, Real Property Law Section – support (SB 558, SB 559, SB 560)

Geoffrey Vernon, Probate Estate Planning Section State bar of Michigan – support (SB 558, SB 559, SB 560)

The Chairman read in the testimony cards for the following people for SB 558, SB 559 and SB 560:

Patricia Herndon, Michigan Bankers Association – support (SB 558, SB 559, SB 560)

Shelli Weisberg, ACLU of Michigan – support (SB 558, SB 559, SB 560)

Bill Kandler, Family Law Section State Bar of Michigan – oppose (SB 558, SB 559, SB 560)

Bill Kandler, Michigan Probate Judges Association – support (SB 558, SB 559, SB 560)

Brian Westrin, Michigan Realtors – support (SB 558, SB 559, SB 560)

Rebecca Shiemke, Michigan Poverty Law Program – oppose (SB 558, SB 559, SB 560)

Joe Baumann, Supreme Court Administrative Office – neutral (SB 558, SB 559, SB 560)

The Chairman made a motion to adopt the S-1 substitute to Senate Bill 558.

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

Nays: None

The motion prevailed and the substitute was adopted.

The Chairman made a motion to report the S-1 substitute to Senate Bill 558 to the floor with recommendation that it then pass.

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

Nays:

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman made a motion to recommend immediate effect, without objection immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman made a motion to report Senate Bill 559 to the floor with recommendation that it then pass.

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

Nays:

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman made a motion to recommend immediate effect, without objection immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman made a motion to adopt the S-1 substitute to Senate Bill 560.

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

Nays: None

The motion prevailed and the substitute was adopted.

The Chairman made a motion to report the S-1 substitute to Senate Bill 560 to the floor with recommendation that it then pass.

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

Nays:

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman made a motion to recommend immediate effect, without objection immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman invited Patrick Vo of BioTrackTHC to give a presentation on Tracking of Medical Marijuana.

The Chairman invited Chris Ellis of Beacon Information Decisions to give a presentation on Medical Marijuana Tracking.

The Chairman invited Tiffany Muckuthen, David Baetens and Arman Garfield of Blue Health and Wellness, LLC to give a presentation on Medical Marijuana Tracking.

Being no further business before the Committee, The Chairman adjourned the Senate Committee on Judiciary without objection at 4:01 p.m.

Date Adopted by Committee: 10/27/2015