

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

9:00 a.m.

308 House Office Building

Representative Jim Stamas, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Stamas, Franz, Haines, Kurtz, Hooker, Zorn, Graves, Santana, Darany, Slavens, Banks, Yanez, and Kosowski.

Representative Hooker moved to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2014 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid SB 741 and SB 742 before committee:

SB 741 (Schuitmaker) Occupations; health care professions; transfer of professional license or certification of out-of-state military spouses; allow.

SB 742 (Schuitmaker) Occupations; individual licensing and regulation; temporary license or registration for certain military spouses; allow.

Senator Schuitmaker testified before the committee in support of SB 741 and SB 742.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of SB 741 and SB 742, but did not wish to speak:

Steve Kozera and Jason Allen, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Kit Murphy, representing the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

Jeff Cassidy, representing the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency.

Doug Williams, representing the American Legion and the Commanders Group of Michigan.

Jack Devine, representing Vietnam Veterans of America.

The Chair laid HB 5491, HB 5497, HB 5498, and HB 5506 before committee:

HB 5491 (Walsh) Businesses; limited liability companies; certain fees under Michigan limited liability company act; waive for certain veterans.

- HB 5497 (Kosowski) Occupations; electricians; certain veterans; revise experience requirements and waive certain license, registration, and application fees.
- HB 5498 (Lori) Businesses; nonprofit corporations; certain fees under the nonprofit corporation act; waive for certain veterans.
- HB 5506 (Santana) Occupations; mechanical contractors; certain veterans; waive certain license fees.

Steve Kozera and Jason Allen, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, testified in support of HB 5491, HB 5497, HB 5498, and HB 5506.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards, but did not wish to speak:

Justin Clement, representing St. Mary's Cement Group, in support of HB 5497 and HB 5506.

Jack Devine, representing Vietnam Veterans of America, in support of HB 5491, HB 5497, HB 5498, and HB 5506.

Doug Williams, representing the American Legion and the Commanders Group of Michigan, in support of HB 5491, HB 5497, HB 5498, and HB 5506.

The Chair Laid HB 5529, HB 5530, HB 5531, HB 5532, HB 5533, HB 5534, and HB 5535 before the committee:

- HB 5529 (Jenkins) Courts; drug court; providing information to veteran regarding veteran benefits; require.
- HB 5530 (Poleski) Criminal procedure; probation; presentence report to disclose status of individual as veteran; require and provide for forwarding of information to department of military and veterans affairs.
- HB 5531 (Kurtz) Courts; other; veteran completing sobriety court program to meet with veteran service organization or county veteran counselor as part of program; require.
- HB 5532 (Graves) Criminal procedure; other; individual to meet with veteran service organization or county veteran counselor as condition of parole; require.
- HB 5533 (Schmidt) Criminal procedure; probation; veteran to meet with veteran service organization or county veteran counselor as condition of probation; require.

HB 5534 (Shirkey) Human services; services or financial assistance; veteran applying for benefits; require to report to department of military and veterans affairs.

HB 5535 (Muxlow) Human services; food assistance; veteran applying for benefits; require to report to department of military and veterans affairs.

Representative Muxlow testified before the committee in support of HB 5535.

Representative Graves testified before the committee in support of HB 5532.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of HB 5529, HB 5530, HB 5531, HB 5532, HB 5533, HB 5534, HB 5535.

Bill Hardiman, representing the Michigan Department of Human Services.

Doug Williams, representing the American Legion and the Commanders Group of Michigan.

Steve Kozera and Jason Allen, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Jack Devine, representing Vietnam Veterans of America.

The committee went at ease at 9:18 a.m.

The committee reconvened at 9:20 a.m.

The Chair returned to SB 741, SB 742, HB 5491, HB 5497, HB 5498, and HB 5506.

Representative Kurtz moved to report out SB 741 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Stamas, Franz, Haines, Kurtz, Hooker, Zorn, Graves, Santana, Darany, Slavens, Banks, Yanez, and Kosowski,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

SB 741 reported out with recommendation.

Representative Yanez moved to report out SB 742 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Stamas, Franz, Haines, Kurtz, Hooker, Zorn, Graves, Santana, Darany, Slavens, Banks, Yanez, and Kosowski,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

SB 742 reported out with recommendation.

Representative Zorn moved to report out HB 5491 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Stamas, Franz, Haines, Kurtz, Hooker, Zorn, Graves, Santana, Darany, Slavens, Banks, Yanez, and Kosowski,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

HB 5491 reported out with recommendation.

Representative Yanez moved to report out HB 5497 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Stamas, Franz, Haines, Kurtz, Hooker, Zorn, Graves, Santana, Darany, Slavens, Banks, Yanez, and Kosowski,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

HB 5497 reported out with recommendation.

Representative Franz moved to report out HB 5498 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Stamas, Franz, Haines, Kurtz, Hooker, Zorn, Graves, Santana, Darany, Slavens, Banks, Yanez, and Kosowski,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

HB 5498 reported out with recommendation.

Representative Kosowski moved to report out HB 5506 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Stamas, Franz, Haines, Kurtz, Hooker, Zorn, Graves, Santana, Darany, Slavens, Banks, Yanez, and Kosowski,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

HB 5506 reported out with recommendation.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 9:26 a.m.

Representative Jim Stamas, Chair

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May 21, 2014
26 minutes

Date Approved and Signed