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HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH POLICY

Tuesday, October 20th, 2015 9:00 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building

Representative Callton, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Chair Callton requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Present: Reps. Callton, Vaupel, Hooker, Yonker, Graves, Hughes, Kesto, VerHeulen, Bizon, Chatfield, Crawford, Garcia, Tedder, Darany, Brinks, Cochran, Geiss, Liberati, Neeley, and Wittenberg,

Absent: Rep. Phelps,

Excused: Rep. Phelps.

Representative Vaupel moved to approve the minutes from the October 13th, 2015, meeting.

There being no objection, the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4437 before the committee:

HB 4437 (Yonker) Health; pharmaceuticals; FDA-designated interchangeable biological drug products; allow substitution for brand-name drugs by pharmacists.

Representative Garcia moved to adopt substitute (H-2) for HB 4437. The motion prevailed by a vote of 19-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Reps. Callton, Vaupel, Hooker, Yonker, Graves, Hughes, Kesto, VerHeulen, Bizon, Chatfield, Crawford, Garcia, Tedder, Darany, Brinks, Cochran, Geiss, Neeley, and Wittenberg,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Yonker introduced the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Bizon and Representative Canfield testified in opposition of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Christine Shearer, Karen Jones, and Dr. Margarite Shearer, representing the Michigan Association of Health Plans, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Michael Harrold, representing Express Scripts, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted cards in support of the bill but did not wish to speak:

Sean Gehle, representing Ascension Michigan
Kristen Kraft, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan
Lesia Liss, representing HealthPlus of Michigan
Mark Lemoine, representing Spectrum Health
Dave Bilardello, representing Priority Health
Eric Roats, Amanda Lick, and Sara Barden, representing the Michigan Pharmacists Association
Andrew Martin, representing Meijer Pharmacy
Edith Rosato, representing the Academy of Managed Care
Heather Nicholoff, representing the Michigan Council of Nurse Practitioners
Rory Lafferty, representing Health Alliance Plan

The following people submitted testimony cards in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Bill Kandler, representing the Mental Health Association of Michigan
Jimena Loveluck, representing the HIV/AIDS Alliance of Michigan
Arlene Gonelick, representing the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan
John Valenti, representing Sanofi

Representative Darany moved to excuse absent members.

There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 10:21 a.m.

Representative Callton, Chair

Matthew Carnegie
Committee Clerk
October 20th, 2015
81 minutes

Date Approved and Signed