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HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON REGULATORY REFORM

Wednesday, November 9, 2016 12:00 Noon Room 519 House Office Building

Representative Ray A. Franz, Chair, called the meeting to order.

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

Present: Reps. Franz, Brett Roberts, Yonker, Kesto, Lauwers, Crawford, Garcia, Iden, Howell, Dianda, Darany, Lane, Schor, Chirkun, and Moss.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

The Chair laid SB 929 before the committee:

SB 929 (Meekhof) Liquor; licenses; quota for certain specially designated merchants; implement and provide for other general amendments.

Substitute (H-2) was previously adopted on September 14th, 2016.

Representative Howell's amendment was previously adopted on September 21st, 2016.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to the bill:

Bob Eastman, representing Beacon and Bridge.
Kareem Kallabat, representing the Allied Liquor Stores of Michigan.
Gus Zetouna, representing the Allied Liquor Stores of Michigan.
Steven Elias, representing the Allied Liquor Stores of Michigan.
Dominick Yatooma, representing the Allied Liquor Stores of Michigan.
Jean Kallabat, representing the Sterling Heights Liquor and Wine Shop.
Bryan Halpin, representing himself as a student at University of Michigan- Flint.
Mike Tobias, representing the Michigan Alcohol Policy.
Brian Zetouna, representing the Allied Liquor Stores of Michigan.
Rishi Makkar.

Scott Ellis, representing the Michigan License and Beverage Association, submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Brett Visner, representing the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association, submitted a card with a neutral position on the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Brett Roberts moved to report SB 929, as substitute (H-2), as amended, as substitute (H-4) with recommendation. The motion did prevail by a vote of 12-1-2.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Reps. Franz, Brett Roberts, Yonker, Lauwers, Crawford, Garcia, Iden, Howell, Dianda, Lane, Schor and Chirkun.

Nays: Rep. Moss.

Pass: Reps. Kesto and Darany.

Representative Brett Roberts moved to approve the minutes of the September 21st, 2016 meeting.

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

The Chair laid SB 448 before the committee:

SB 448 (Proos) Liquor; other; application process for refund to distiller of spirits of gross profits paid to commission annually; provide for.

Senator Proos testified in support of his bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Chairman Deloney and Steve Robinson, both representing the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Jon O'Connor, representing the Long Road Distillers and Michigan Association Craft Distillers, testified in support of the bill.

Kent Rabish, representing the Grand Traverse Distillery, testified in support of the bill.

Mike Tobias, representing the Michigan Alcohol Policy, testified in opposition to the bill.

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

Scott Ellis, representing the Michigan License and Beverage Association.

Rick Wyble, representing American Fifth Spirits.

Don Coe, representing the Michigan Craft Distillers.

Kent Wood, representing the Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce.

Dan Papineau, representing the Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers.

Scott Starr, representing the State Budget Office, submitted a card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Brett Visner, representing the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association, submitted a card with a neutral position on the bill, but did not wish to speak.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting the time being 12:54 p.m.

Representative Franz, Chair

Angie Lake
Committee Clerk
November 9th, 2016

Date Approved and Signed