

## **House Committee on Health and Welfare**

Minutes of Meeting  
2018 Regular Session  
April 25, 2018

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Frank A. Hoffmann, chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley  
Representative Kenny R. Cox  
Representative Dodie Horton  
Representative Marcus L. Hunter  
Representative Katrina R. Jackson  
Representative Robert A. Johnson  
Representative H. Bernard LeBas  
Representative Dustin Miller  
Representative J. Rogers Pope  
Representative Joseph A. Stagni  
Representative Julie Stokes  
Representative Bob Hensgens, vice chairman  
Representative Frank A. Hoffmann, chairman

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Charles R. Chaney  
Representative Jerome Richard

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bethany Blackson, attorney  
Drew Murray, legislative analyst  
Felicie Jackson, secretary  
Malik Smith, committee clerk

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Vivian Hurst, sergeant-at-arms

Faye Talbot, sergeant-at-arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Concurrent Resolution No. 40 by Representative Leger**

Representative Leger presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 40, which memorializes congress to pass the Disability Integration Act of 2017.

Representative Hoffmann offered amendments, which make technical changes. Representative Hoffmann offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Jackson, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stagni, Hensgens, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Representative Hensgens offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 40 with amendments. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 40 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Jackson, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stagni, Hensgens, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 0 in support, 0 in opposition, and 0 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**Senate Bill No. 202 by Senator Peacock**

Senator Peacock presented Senate Bill No. 202, which provides relative to the Nurse Licensure Compact.

Senator Peacock provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Colonel Ty Johnson, Barksdale Air Force Base, 305 Hap Arnold Rd, Barksdale Air Force Base, LA 71110, (318) 347-1449, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 202.

Shelly Newman, Military Spouses, 305 Hap Arnold Rd, Barksdale Air Force Base, LA 71110, (325) 518-8552, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 202.

Representative Cox offered amendments which:

1. Require that registered nurses and licensed practical nurses who hold a multi-state license not issued by the La. State Board of Nursing or the La. State Board of

Practical Nurse Examiners provide notice to the La. licensing board that regulates their profession before furnishing any nursing services in this state.

2. Make technical changes.

Representative Hoffmann announced that action on **Senate Bill No. 286 by Senator Milkovich**, which provides relative to the Physician's Bill of Rights, was voluntarily deferred.

Representative Hoffmann announced that action on **Senate Bill No. 528 by Senator Lafleur**, which provides relative to physician assistants, is voluntarily deferred.

Karen Lyon, Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 755-7576, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 202.

Representative Cox offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Johnson, LeBas, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stagni, Hensgens, and Hoffmann voted yea.

*Representative Hensgens is in the chair.*

Lynn Ansardi, Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners, 181 Airline Dr, Ste 301, Metairie, LA 70001, (504) 239-4360, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 202.

John Becknell, Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners, 3445 N. Causeway Blvd, Ste 756, Metairie, LA 70002, (504) 833-7325, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 202.

Emily Ashworth, Louisiana State Nursing Association, 2609 Rhett Dr, Lake Charles, LA 70611, (337) 855-4110, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 202.

Murray Viser, Barksdale Forward, P.O. Box 1931, Shreveport, LA 71166, (318) 470-5979, spoke in support of support of Senate Bill No. 202.

Heather Bynog, Louisiana State Nursing Association, 6020 Cambridge Dr, Alexandria, LA 71303, (318) 769-1408, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 202.

Sara Dugas, Compass Career College, 42353 Deluxe Plz, Hammond, LA 70403, (985) 320-8574, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 202.

Dana Dazet, Safety in Healthcare, 612 Foxfield Ln, Madisonville, LA 70447, (504) 874-7204, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 202.

Melissa Smith, safety of my patients, 51470 Simmons Rd, Loranger, LA 70446, (985) 974-6158, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 202.

Georgia Johnson, Louisiana State Nursing Association, 312 E Silvermaple Dr, Slidell, LA 70458, (985) 746-7252, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 202.

Nicholas Mendez, Post Acute Medical Speciality Hospital, 42074 Veterans Ave, Hammond, LA 70403, (985) 902-8148, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 202.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 202 with amendments, to which Representative Pope objected. The secretary called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 202 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Hunter, Jackson, Johnson, Dustin Miller, and Hensgens voted yea. Representatives Pope, Stagni, and Stokes voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 57 in support, 15 in opposition, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **Senate Bill No. 203 by Senator Peacock**

Senator Peacock presented Senate Bill No. 203, which provides relative to the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.

Senator Peacock provided a handout, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Johnson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 203 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 203 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Cox, Horton, Jackson, Johnson, Pope, Stagni, Stokes, and Hensgens voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support, 0 in opposition, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **Senate Bill No. 198 by Senator Peacock**

Senator Peacock presented Senate Bill No. 198, which provides relative to the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact ("REPLICA").

Senator Peacock provided a handout, Exhibit C, which is included in the committee records.

Joe House, Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact, 900 SW Jackson, Ste 1031, Topeka, KS 66612, (785) 296-7409, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 198.

Kirk Lacour, Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc., 2916 N University Ave, Lafayette, LA 70509, (337) 291-3372, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 198.

Dale Vandehey, Department of Defense, 319 Regent Cir, San Antonio, TX 78231, (571) 236-7833, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 198.

Chad Major, Professional Firefighters Association of Louisiana, 8011 Merle Gustafon Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70807, (225) 572-8983, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 198.

Barbara Sellers, Professional Firefighters of Louisiana, 222 LaFitte Rd, Bossier City, LA 71111, (318) 272-9225, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 198.

Representative Horton offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on Senate Bill No. 198. Without objection, action on Senate Bill No. 198 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Horton, Jackson, Johnson, Pope, Stagni, Hensgens, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support, 11 in opposition, and 0 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

*Representative Hoffmann is in the chair.*

### **House Bill No. 483 by Representative Stagni**

Representative Stagni presented House Bill No. 483, which provides relative to advanced practice registered nursing.

Mark deClouet, Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners, 216 Antigua Dr, Lafayette, LA 70503, (337) 322-2471, spoke in support of House Bill No. 483.

Stephen Sullivan, Nurse Practitioners Association, 1042 Camellia Blvd, Lafayette, LA 70508, no phone number provided, [ssullivan@sullivanstolier.com](mailto:ssullivan@sullivanstolier.com), spoke in support of House Bill No. 483.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 483. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 483 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Horton, Jackson, Johnson, Pope, Stagni, Hensgens, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 19 in support, 14 in opposition, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**Senate Bill No. 375 by Senator Barrow**

Senator Barrow presented Senate Bill No. 375, which requires retail food establishments to maintain and promote community hygiene as part of standardized business practices.

Representative Hoffmann offered amendments which:

1. Delete proposed law requiring retail food establishments that sell only prepackaged food items to maintain and promote community hygiene as part of their standardized business practices, and require instead that such establishments comply with all applicable requirements of the state sanitary code.
2. Make technical changes.

Representative Hoffmann offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Jackson, Johnson, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stagni, Hensgens, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Representative Pope offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 375 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 375 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Jackson, Johnson, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stagni, Hensgens, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 0 in support, 0 in opposition, and 0 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**Senate Bill No. 66 by Senator Claitor**

Representative Hoffmann announced that action on Senate Bill No. 66, which provides relative to admission to treatment facility for mental illness pursuant to emergency certificate, was voluntarily deferred.

**Senate Bill No. 277 by Senator Claitor**

Representative Hoffmann announced that action on Senate Bill No. 277, which provides relative to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, was voluntarily deferred.

**Senate Bill No. 75 by Senator Boudreaux**

Senator Boudreaux presented Senate Bill No. 75, which provides relative to the prescription monitoring program.

Representative Dustin Miller offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 75 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 75 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Johnson, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stagni, Hensgens, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 11 in support, 0 in opposition, and 0 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **Senate Bill No. 207 by Senator Boudreaux**

Senator Boudreaux presented Senate Bill No. 207, which extends and provides for the Louisiana Obesity Prevention and Management Commission.

Bonnie Hymel, Pennington Biomedical Research Center, 6400 Perkins Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 763-2986, provided a handout, Exhibit D, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Dustin Miller offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 207 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 207 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Johnson, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stagni, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 8 in support, 0 in opposition, and 0 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Frank A. Hoffmann  
House Committee on Health and Welfare

Date adopted: