

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

Minutes of Meeting  
2018 Regular Session  
May 1, 2018

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

Representative Frank A. Hoffmann, chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare, called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Marcus L. Hunter

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

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

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Faye Talbot, sergeant-at-arms  
Vivian Hurst, sergeant-at-arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****Senate Bill No. 40 by Senator Mills**

Senator Mills presented Senate Bill No. 40, which provides relative to health profession licensing board membership.

*"This is a continuation of the discussion on Senate Bill No. 40 from April 26, 2018. Please check for the prior action to complete the record of discussion and motions on Senate Bill No. 40."*

Representative Hoffmann offered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the committee adopted the set of amendments that he offered on April 26, 2018. Without objection, the vote was reconsidered by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Chaney, Cox, Horton, Johnson, LeBas, Dustin Miller, Pope, Hensgens, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Representative Hoffmann withdrew the set of amendments.

Representative Hensgens offered amendments which:

1. Delete the entirety of proposed law amending or repealing present law relative to nomination by professional trade associations of candidates for positions on boards and commissions that license and regulate healthcare professionals.
2. Provide that any board or commission created and provided for in present law may develop a process to issue a license, permit, or certificate outside the national examination for those individuals with a disorder which is recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act.
3. Make technical changes.

Representative Hensgens offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Chaney, Cox, Horton, Johnson, LeBas, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stagni, Hensgens, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Representative LeBas offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 40 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 40 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Bagley, Chaney, Cox, Horton, Johnson, LeBas, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stagni, Stokes, Hensgens, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 0 in support, 3 in opposition, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **Senate Bill No. 506 by Senator Mills**

Senator Mills presented Senate Bill No. 506, which provides relative to the clinical laboratory personnel committee.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 506 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 506 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Chaney, Cox, Horton, Johnson, LeBas, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stokes, Hensgens, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, 0 in opposition, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **Senate Bill No. 99 by Senator Morrell**

Senator Morrell presented Senate Bill No. 99, which extends legislative authority for the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 99 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 99 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Chaney, Cox, Horton, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stagni, Hensgens, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support, 0 in opposition, and 3 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **Senate Bill No. 561 by Senator Barrow**

Senator Barrow presented Senate Bill No. 561, which creates the Empowering Families to Live Well Louisiana Act.

Terri Ricks, Department of Children and Family Services, 627 N 4<sup>th</sup> St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-6724, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 561.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 561 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 561 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Chaney, Cox, Horton, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stagni, Hensgens, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, 0 in opposition, and 0 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 881 by Representative D. Miller**

Representative Hoffmann announced that action on House Bill No. 881, which provides relative to the Louisiana Smoke Free Air Act, was voluntarily deferred.

*"This is a continuation of the discussion on House Bill No. 881 from April 12, 2018, and April 17, 2018. Please check for the prior action to complete the record of discussion and motions on No. 881."*

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 65 by Representative McFarland**

Representative McFarland presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 65, which requests the La. Department of Health to study and report to the legislature concerning the potential implementation of mandatory case management in the Medicaid program.

Jen Steele, Louisiana Department of Health, 628 N 4<sup>th</sup> St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9509, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 65.

Jeff Reynolds, Louisiana Department of Health, 628 N 4<sup>th</sup> St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9500, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 65.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 65 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 65 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Chaney, 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.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 70 by Representative Hodges**

Representative Hodges presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 70, which provides relative to healthcare licensing boards reporting to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare on their recognition of military veterans training in various healthcare occupations.

Secretary Joey Strickland, Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, 602 N 5<sup>th</sup> St, Baton Rouge, LA, 708902, (225) 219-5001, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 70.

Julie Payer, Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, 602 N 5<sup>th</sup> St, Baton Rouge, LA, 708902, (225) 219-5001, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 70.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 70 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 70 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Chaney, Cox, Horton, Jackson, LeBas, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stagni, Stokes, Hensgens, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 0 in support, 0 in opposition, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 66 by Representative Talbot**

Representative Talbot presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 66, which requests a study concerning the prospective establishment of a state prescription drug importation program.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 66 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 66 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Chaney, Cox, Horton, Jackson, LeBas, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stagni, Stokes, Hensgens, and Hoffmann voted yea.

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#### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 71 by Representative Edmonds**

Representative Edmonds presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 71, which requests the attorney general to file an amicus brief in federal court to support Mississippi in that state's litigation to ban elective abortions after fifteen weeks gestation.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 71 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 71 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Chaney, Cox, Horton, Jackson, LeBas, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stagni, Stokes, Hensgens, and Hoffmann voted yea.

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**House Concurrent Resolution No. 69 by Representative Gregory Miller**

Representative Gregory Miller presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 69, which requests a study concerning means by which to improve the Medicaid estate recovery functions of the La. Department of Health.

Representative Hensgens offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 69 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 69 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Chaney, Cox, Horton, Jackson, LeBas, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stagni, Hensgens, and Hoffmann voted yea.

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**House Concurrent Resolution No. 64 by Representative Dustin Miller**

Representative Dustin Miller presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 64, which creates the Emergency Medical Services Professional Working Group to study and make recommendations to the legislature concerning matters relating to licensure and regulation of emergency medical personnel.

Curry Landry, Louisiana Ambulance Alliance, 301 Main St, Ste 600, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 663-2158, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 64.

Jeff Watson, Bossier City Fire Department, 620 Benton Rd, Bossier City, LA 71111, (318) 435-8775, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 64.

Representative Dustin Miller offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 64 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 64 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Chaney, Cox, Horton, LeBas, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stagni, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support, 0 in opposition, and 0 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 76 by Representative Dustin Miller**

Representative Dustin Miller presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 76, which creates a study committee to evaluate Louisiana's prevalence of tobacco-related illnesses resulting from secondhand smoke exposure.

Representative Hoffmann offered amendments, which adds the executive director of the Louisiana Municipal Association or his designee; the president of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana or his designee; the commissioner of the Louisiana office of alcohol and tobacco control or his designee; and one each representative of an entity licensed under R.S. 27:412(B)(1) and (2).

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, Horton, LeBas, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stagni, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Jeff Weber, The Vaping Tiger, 2812 Athania Pkwy, Metairie, LA 70002, (504) 218-4400, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 76.

Representative Bagley offered amendments, which adds a member approved by the Video Gaming Association. Representative Bagley 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, Chaney, Cox, Horton, LeBas, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stagni, Hensgens, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Representative Bagley offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 76 with amendments. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 76 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Chaney, Cox, Horton, LeBas, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stagni, Hensgens, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 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 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Frank A. Hoffmann  
House Committee on Health and Welfare

Date adopted: