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**Senate Committee on Judiciary**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was held on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

Members present: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Bieda  
Members excused: None

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Senator Jones called the meeting to order.

Senator Jones announced that the agenda for the committee:

Approval of Minutes

HB 4393 Rep. Forlini      Liquor; drinking age; certain minors presenting themselves for treatment; exempt from underage drinking violation under certain circumstances.

SB 974 Sen. Jones      Health; medical marihuana; authorization to medical marihuana in certain places; restrict.

Senator Schuitmaker left the committee room at 2:30 p.m.

Senator Rocca entered the committee room at 2:31 p.m.

Senator Jones placed before the committee House Bill 4393 (Rep. Forlini). Senator Jones explained the bill to committee members and answered questions.

The following persons submitted cards, but did not testify, on House Bill 4393:

- Aaron Letzeiser, representing the Associated Students of Michigan State University—Support (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
- A.T. Frank, representing the Michigan District Judges Association—Support
- Michael Pendency, representing the Michigan Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan--Support

Senator Bieda entered the committee room at 2:33 p.m.

Senator Bieda moved to adopt the minutes from March 6, 2012 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Bieda moved that House Bill 4393 be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the bill then pass. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Rocca, Bieda (3/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senator Schuitmaker (1)

Senator Bieda moved to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 4393. Without objection, the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Jones placed before the committee Senate Bill 974 (Sen. Jones). Senator Jones explained the bill to committee members and answered questions.

The following persons testified on Senate Bill 974 and answered questions from committee members:

- Joe Cain, representing the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act—Oppose
- Bill McMaster, representing the Taxpayers United Michigan Foundation—Oppose
- Whitney Hickman, representing the Newaygo County Compassion Club—Oppose (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)

Senator Schuitmaker entered the committee room at 2:38 p.m.

The following persons submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 974:

- Mia McNeil, representing the Property Management Association of Michigan—Support

The following persons submitted written testimony, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 974 (testimony on file with the clerk):

- Richard Clement, Citizen—Oppose

Senator Jones moved that Senate Bill 974 be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the bill then pass. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca (3/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: Senator Bieda (1)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Jones moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 974. Without objection, the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Jones adjourned the committee at 2:43 p.m.

3/20/12  
Date Approved by Committee

\*\*An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.