

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON  
JUDICIARY**

Thursday, December 5, 2013

8:15 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Judiciary was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Cotter, Kesto, Heise, Jacobsen, Johnson, LaFontaine, Leonard, Cavanaugh, Lipton, Irwin, Clemente.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Heise moved to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2013 meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4271, HB 5104, and SB 660 before the committee:

HB 4271 (Callton)            Controlled substances; marihuana; state and local regulation of marihuana provisioning centers; provide for.

HB 5104 (Kowall)            Health; medical marihuana; marihuana infused products; allow.

SB 660 (Kahn)              Controlled substances; marihuana; sale of pharmaceutical-grade cannabis through licensed facilities; allow under certain circumstances and regulate the possession and use of pharmaceutical-grade cannabis by certain individuals.

Representative Callton, Representative Kowall, Senator Kahn, and Chuck Perricone, representing Subterra Rec., all testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Robin Schneider, John Targouski, Kevin McKinny, all representing the National Patients' Rights Association, testified in support of HB 4271 and HB 5104. Questions and discussion followed.

Stephan Postema, representing the City of Ann Arbor, testified in support of HB 4271. Questions and discussion followed.

Rebecca Brown and Jim Powers, representing Pediatric Cannabis Therapy, testified in support of HB 4271 and HB 5104.

Alysa Erwin, representing herself, testified in support of HB 5104.

Cathleen Graham, representing herself as a hospice nurse, testified in support of HB 5104 and in opposition to HB 4271 and SB 660.

The following people submitted a card on the bills, but due to time constraints were unable to

speak:

Sgt. Amy Dehner, representing the Michigan State Police, opposed to HB 4172 and HB 5104 and neutral on SB 660.

Tim Beck, representing Safe Michigan Coalition, neutral on SB 660.

Joe Brown, representing Conservative Christians for Cannabis Reform, support of HB 5104.

Brenda Scoggin, Patients of Capitol City Compassion.

Joe Cain, National Medical Marijuana Coalition, opposed to HB 4172, HB 5104, and SB 660.

Eric Gunnels, representing himself, opposed to SB 660.

Mark Sisco, representing Michigan Patients and Caregivers, opposed to SB 660.

Josey Scoggin, representing Sons and Daughters United, support of HB 5104.

Drew Driver, representing himself, support of HB 4271 and HB 5104.

Chard Carr, representing Michigan Medical Marijuana Association.

Rick Thompson, representing The Compassion Chronicles, support of HB 4172 and HB 5104 and opposed to SB 660.

David Brogren, representing Cannabis Patients United, neutral on HB 4172, HB 5104, and SB 660.

Mary Detting, representing herself, support of HB 4271 and HB 5104.

Steven Sharpe, representing Sharpe Extracts.

Pauline Rothstein, representing herself.

Howard Plourde, representing himself, support of HB 4271.

Charles Ream, representing Charles Ream, support of HB 4271 and HB 5104.

Terry Marentette, representing himself.

Sara Syungeon, representing herself, support of HB 4271 and HB 5104.

Charmie Gholson, representing Michigan Moms United, opposed to SB 660.

Rebecca Hollandsworth, representing Phoenix Consulting.

G. Steve Green, representing himself, opposed to SB 660.

Kevin Spitler, representing the Michigan Saber Project, support of HB 4271 and opposed to SB 660.

Kristine Beebe, representing herself, support of HB 4271 and opposed to SB 660.

Carole Engle, representing the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, submitted a card and was available for questions.

Representative Thomas Stallworth submitted a card in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak.

Alan Cropsey, representing the Attorney General, submitted a card in opposition to the bills, but did not wish to speak.

Carrie Allen, representing the Advanced Hydroponic Growers Supply, submitted a card in support of HB 4271, but did not wish to speak.

Joe Khder, representing CEN Biotech, submitted a card in support of SB 660, but did not wish to speak.

Eric Roath, representing the Michigan Pharmacists Association, submitted a card with a neutral position on SB 660, but did not wish to speak.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 5104, but did not wish to speak:

Carrie Allen, representing Phoenix Consulting.  
Ryan Smith, representing Capitol City Compassion.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4271 and HB 5104, but did not wish to speak:

Chelsea Shaker, representing Cannabis Stakeholders Group.  
Charmie Gholson, representing Michigan Moms United.  
Mark Rasserini, representing himself.  
Justin Soffa, representing Students for Sensible Drug Policy.  
Darrell Stavros, representing the 3rd Coast Compassion Center.  
Jamie Lowell, representing the Michigan Chapter of Americans for Safe Access.  
Manda Marcell, representing herself.  
Ashley Howard, representing herself.  
James Moore, representing himself.

The following peoples submitted a card in opposition to SB 660, but did not wish to speak:

Evie Sweeney, representing the City of Wyoming.  
Carrie Allen, representing Advanced Hydroponics Growers Supply.  
Mark Rasserini, representing himself.  
Chelsea Kimber, representing the Cannabis Stakeholders Group.  
Brenda Scoggin, representing herself.  
Manda Marcell, representing herself.  
Ashley Howard, representing herself.  
James Moore, representing himself.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

**Representative Kevin Cotter, Chair**\_\_\_\_\_

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