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MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, May 23, 2018 10:30 a.m. Room 327 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Barrett, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Barrett, Alexander, Lauwers, Howell, Albert, Calley, Frederick, Elder, Phelps, Sabo, Sneller, Cambensy.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: None.

Representative XXX made a motion to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on May 16, 2018. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

The Chair laid HB 5916 and HB 5917 before the committee

HB 5916 (Vaupel) Animals; pet shops; regulation of pet shops in the sale of dogs; clarify.

HB 5917 (Vaupel) Local government; ordinances; local government enacting or enforcing an ordinance, policy, resolution, or rule regulating a qualified pet shop; prohibit.

Representative Vaupel testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

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

- Sonnie Bryant-Bedard, representing herself.
- Akshay Verma, DVM, representing himself.
- Earl Darby, representing himself.
- Nancy Shankin and Coyote Windsong, representing Harley's Dream.
- Teresa Ancrile, representing herself.
- Emily Bowman, representing herself.
- Shelly Pinter, representing the Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary.
- Sheri Westerhot, representing Mid Michigan Doodles.
- Thomas Lyon, representing himself.
- Kelly McLaughlin, representing Bark Nation.
- Margaret Farrell, representing herself.
- Joelle Hornbeck, representing herself.
- Riley White, representing herself.

Nikki Leonard, representing herself.
Jen Clarkson, representing herself.
Patti Lundy, representing the Animal Placement Bureau.
Anne Armstrong, representing Harley's Heroes.
Ann Griffin, representing the Michigan Humane Society.
Shalee Miedema, representing herself.
Jennifer Measel, representing herself.
Vicki Deisner, representing the Animal Welfare Institute.

Arthi Prephan, representing herself, testified in support of the bills.

Representative Frederick explains his proposed substitute (H-2) to HB 5916.

Representative Frederick made a motion to adopt substitute (H-2) to HB 5916. The motion prevailed 11-0-1.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Barrett, Alexander, Lauwers, Howell, Albert, Calley, Frederick, Elder, Phelps, Sabo, Sneller. (11/12)

Nays: None. (0/12)

Pass: Representative Cambensy. (1/12) (11/0/1)

Jen Rigterink, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified in opposition to HB 5917. Questions and discussion followed.

Bee Friedlander, representing Attorney's for Animals, testified in opposition to the bills.

Trudy Ender, representing the Humane Society of West Michigan, testified in opposition to the bills.

David Boelices, representing the Barking Boutique, testified in support of the bills.

Lana Carson, representing the Pound Buddies Animal Shelter, testified in opposition to the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Pam Sordyl, representing Puppy Mill Awareness of Southeast Michigan, testified in opposition to the bills.

Michelle Spranger, representing the Michigan Pet Fund Alliance, testified in opposition to the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Amy Jesse, representing the Humane Society of the United States, testified in opposition to the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Bob Darden, representing the Michigan Association for Pure Bred Dogs, testified in support of the bills.

Carol Darby, representing herself, testified in opposition to the bills.

John and Debbie Stottele, representing the Family Puppy, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Alexander offered the following amendments to HB 5917.

1. Amend page 1, line 3, after “in” by inserting “a business district of”.
2. Amend page 2, following line 3, by inserting:

“(a) “Business district” means an area of a local unit of government zoned and used primarily for business.” and relettering the remaining subdivisions.

Representative Lauwers made a motion to amend HB 5917. The motion prevailed 9-0-3.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Barrett, Alexander, Lauwers, Howell, Albert, Calley, Frederick, Phelps, Sneller. (9/12)

Nays: None. (0/12)

Pass: Representatives Elder, Sabo, Cambensy. (3/12) (9/0/3)

Matt Blakely, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, submitted a card with a neutral position on the bills, but did not wish to speak.

Questions and discussion was shared between members regarding the bills before voting.

Representative Alexander moved to report HB 5916 with recommendation, as substitute (H-2). The motion prevailed 7-4-1.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Barrett, Alexander, Lauwers, Howell, Albert, Calley, Frederick. (7/12)

Nays: Representatives Elder, Sabo, Sneller, Cambensy. (4/12)

Pass: Representative Phelps. (1/12) (7/4/1)

Representative Alexander moved to report HB 5917 with recommendation, as amended, as substitute (H-2). The motion prevailed 7-4-1.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Barrett, Alexander, Lauwers, Howell, Albert, Calley, Frederick. (7/12)

Nays: Representatives Elder, Sabo, Sneller, Cambensy. (4/12)

Pass: Representative Phelps. (1/12) (7/4/1)

There being no additional business before the committee, Chair Barrett declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:58 a.m.

Representative Tom Barrett, Chair

Dakota Soda, Committee Clerk (517) 373-0350