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MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

Tuesday, October 3, 2017                      9:00 a.m.                      Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Theis, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Theis, VanderWall, Barrett, Glenn, Runestad, Vaupel, Webber, Bellino, Hoitenga, LaFave, Wentworth, Greimel, Phelps, Gay-Dagnogo, Wittenberg, Hammoud, Lasinski.

Representative VanderWall made a motion to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on May 25, 2017. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

The Chair laid the following bill before the Committee.

HB 5013 (Theis)                      Insurance; no-fault; coverage and benefits; make miscellaneous changes.

Representative VanderWall, Vice-Chair, assumed the Chair, the time being 9:07 a.m.

Representative Theis reviewed the provisions of the bill with the Committee and answered questions.

Vice-Chair VanderWall stated that the Committee would stand at ease, the time being 9:58 a.m.

Chair Theis reconvened the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

The following individuals spoke to the Committee regarding HB 5013:  
Mayor Mike Duggan, Mayor of the City of Detroit, in support  
Pat McPharlin and Teri Morante, representing DIFS, in support  
Steve Sinas and Tom Sinas, representing CPAN, in opposition

The Chair stated that the Committee would stand at ease, the time being 12:00 p.m.

Chair Theis reconvened the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

The following individuals spoke to the Committee regarding HB 5013:  
Pastor Curtis Williams, a City of Detroit Businessman, in support  
William Kerkstra of Grand Rapids, Michigan, representing Lauren Kerkstra, in opposition

Karen Whitsett of Detroit, Michigan, in support  
Dave Peterson, representing the Wolverine Motor Insurance Company, neutral  
Chris Mitchell and Laura Appel, representing the Michigan Health and Hospital Association, in opposition  
Wendy Block, representing the Michigan Chamber, in support  
Tim Christason, of Howell, Michigan, in support  
Jeff White, representing Richmond/Lennox EMS/MAAS and Angela Madden, representing ED/MAAS, in opposition  
Bill Buccolo and Margaret Kroese, representing the Michigan Brain Injury Provider Council, in opposition  
Peter Kuhnmuench, representing the Insurance Alliance of Michigan, in opposition

The Chair laid the committee at ease, the time being 6:17 p.m.

The Chair brought the committee back to order, the time being 6:45 p.m.

The following individuals spoke to the Committee regarding HB 5013:

David and Linda St. Amant from Dansville, Michigan, in opposition  
Tom Constand, representing the Brain Injury Association of Michigan, in opposition  
John Gwynne Prossor II, representing Health Partners and Neuro Trauma Association, in opposition  
Kenneth Grandon of Livonia, Michigan, in opposition  
Dr. Owen Perlman, representing Associates in Physical Medicine and Rehab, in opposition

Cards were submitted by the following individuals who wished to speak but were unable to remain for the entire Committee meeting:

Craig Trombley of Ann Arbor, Michigan, in opposition  
Carolyn Kemp  
Steven Siporin, representing Siporin and Associates, in opposition  
Mary Kovari of Detroit, Michigan, in support  
Michael Van Beek and Matt Coffey, representing the Mackinac Center, in support  
Clara Thompson  
Beverly Stewart  
Lonnie Pinkney  
Suzan Forest, representing UAW Local 6000/Metro Detroit Council of Senior Citizens, in support

Cards indicating a neutral position on HB 5013 were submitted by:

Heather Drake, representing AAA Michigan  
Katie Jones, representing Allstate Insurance Company

Cards indicating support for HB 5013 were submitted by:

Nicole Nystrom, representing Quicken Loans and Rock Ventures  
Tim Breadon, representing Michigan Professional Insurance Agents  
Jeffrey Junkes, representing Property Casualty Insurers Association

Rob Anderson, representing Michigan Farm Bureau  
Jeremy MacDonald, representing Mid-Michigan Agency  
Eric Rule, representing the Michigan Association of Insurance Agents (supports the concept of the bill)  
Charles Owens, representing NFIB of Michigan

Cards indicating opposition to HB 5013 were submitted by:

Jose Bocanegra, representing Dignitas  
Hillary Szizepaniuk, representing Dignitas  
Kelly Whalen, representing Dignitas  
Stephanie Guzak, representing Dignitas  
Richard Love, representing Dignitas  
Shannon Lambert, representing Dignitas  
Cheri Richardson, representing Dignitas  
M. Thomas Demer, representing Dignitas  
Bobby Thomas, representing Dignitas  
Jacalyn Henley, R.N., Nurse Case Manager  
Brooke Blower of Macomb, Michigan  
Jessica Rau of Novi, Michigan  
Tracey Phillips, representing Dignitas  
Cheryl Borthwick of Novi, Michigan  
Susan Krygier of South Lyon and Northville, Michigan  
Stephanie Johnson, representing Michigan Orthopedic Society  
Monique Kurkowski, representing Sage Solutions Group  
Devin Hutchings, representing MBIPC  
John Cornack, representing the Eisenhower Center/CPAN  
Timothy F. Hoste, representing the Michigan Brain Injury Provider Center  
Terry Mulvihill, representing Hope Network  
Robert Wancha of Dearborn, Michigan  
Mary Mitchell of Livonia, Michigan  
Mark Evans of Troy, Michigan  
Monica VanAcker of Brighton, Michigan  
Kathie Sell  
Dan Eaton, representing MBIPC and Neuro Restorative  
Tom Judd of Dewitt, Michigan  
Lynn Browsers  
Jacey Varnhagen of Brighton, Michigan  
Diane Dugan of Brighton, Michigan  
Joseph Richert, representing Special Tree Rehab System  
Linda Cook McDonald, representing Region 4 Area on Aging  
Ron Krueger, representing TBI Community  
Alexandra Weston, representing the Brain Injury Association of Michigan  
Peggy Allen Bock, representing Special Tree, MBIPC  
Nichole Shotwell of White Lake, Michigan  
Tim Mucha of Livonia, Michigan  
Dave Bilardello, representing Spectrum Health

Carl Alden, representing the Michigan Association of Chiropractors  
Bill Flory, representing the Michigan Association for Justice

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Theis declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 8:18 p.m.

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Representative Lana Theis, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538