

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

May 15, 2017

5:08 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair MacKinnon called the Senate Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Lyman Hoffman, Co-Chair
Senator Anna MacKinnon, Co-Chair
Senator Click Bishop, Vice-Chair
Senator Shelley Hughes
Senator Peter Micciche
Senator Donny Olson
Senator Natasha von Imhof

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ALSO PRESENT

Laura Cramer, Staff, Senator Anna MacKinnon; Representative Matt Claman, Sponsor; Micaela Fowler, Legislative Liaison, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development.

SUMMARY

CSHB 222(L&C)am

LICENSURE OF MANICURISTS/NAIL TECHS

SCS CSHB 222(FIN) was REPORTED out of committee with a "do pass" recommendation, Letter of Intent, and with one new zero fiscal note from the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development.

#hb222

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 222(L&C) am

"An Act relating to the licensure of nail technicians; relating to the practice of manicuring; and providing for an effective date."

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Vice-Chair Bishop MOVED to ADOPT the committee substitute for CSHB 222(L&C)am, Work Draft 30-LS0803\R (Bruce, 5/15/17).

Co-Chair MacKinnon OBJECTED for discussion.

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LAURA CRAMER, STAFF, SENATOR ANNA MACKINNON, remarked that there was some concern related to the possibility of manicurists that would be losing their jobs, should the legislation not pass in the current session. She remarked that the renewal period expired August 31, 2017; and noted that page 2, line 1 extended the grace period for two years until August 31, 2019. She stated that the extension gave the legislature time to determine a way to address some of the concerns. She stated that there was a letter of intent to accompany the bill.

Vice-Chair Bishop read the Letter of Intent (copy on file):

It is the intent of the Alaska State Legislature in extending the transition period established by section 13(a), ch. 27, SLA 2015 that the Board of Barbers and Hairdressers work with the Alaska State Legislature and licensees to recommend appropriate licensing and renewal standards for manicurists before the end of the transition period that:

1. protect the health of Alaskan consumers;
2. do not place an undue burden on existing licensees who are operating safely;
3. ensure reasonable access to any required education for existing licensees;
4. respect the diversity of employees in the field; and
5. do not provide a barrier to entry to new licensees.

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REPRESENTATIVE MATT CLAMAN, SPONSOR, stated that he had not seen the committee substitute, so he could not comment on the changes.

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Representative Claman stated that he did not support page 2 of the CS, because there was still a requirement of the passage of a written test.

Co-Chair MacKinnon WITHDREW her OBJECTION. There being NO OBJECTION, the proposed committee substitute was adopted.

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MICAELA FOWLER, LEGISLATIVE LIAISON, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, stated that the committee substitute would zero out the fiscal note.

Co-Chair MacKinnon remarked that the bill had a substantial impact on those in the industry. The legislation was an extension of the current grace period, and did not address the issues that the legislature did not have time to consider. She stated that the legislation allowed for time to work with the board to find a solution, instead of adopting a "quick fix" without the licensees' participation.

Vice-Chair Bishop MOVED to REPORT SCS CSHB 222(FIN) out of committee with individual recommendations, Letter of Intent, and attached fiscal note. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Co-Chair MacKinnon announced that it was difficult to be thoughtful about the process of amending the bill, but the committee had tried to meet the expectations of the sponsor.

SCS CSHB 222(FIN) was REPORTED out of committee with a "do pass" recommendation, Letter of Intent, and one new zero fiscal note from the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development.

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ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.