

HB

744

"An Act providing freedom of choice of certain medical procedures; and providing for an effective date."

COMMITTEE REPORT

2/12/76

HOUSE

JUDICIARY

Mr. Speaker:

Date April 10, 1976

The Committee on HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES has had CS HB 744

under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

- recommends it DO PASS
- recommends it DO NOT PASS
- recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)
- recommends it BE REPLACED WITH CS FOR HR 77 (480) AND THAT CS FOR IT DO PASS
- "and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE _____ COMMITTEE
- reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION
- "other"

Members signing the Majority report:

<u>Susan Sullivan</u>	<u>Do Pass</u>	_____
<u>John ...</u>	<u>Do Pass</u>	_____
<u>William ...</u>	<u>Do Pass</u>	_____
<u>Mark ...</u>	<u>DO PASS</u>	_____

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

William ... recommends: not Pass

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Susan Sullivan Chairman



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 10, 1976

Present: Beirne Sullivan Parr
Hackney Ostrosky Osterback

HB 866 Supplemental Appropriation to H&SS G&M.HESS

Lois Jund gave a better explanation of why the dept. needs this additional \$. See dept. position paper. Due mainly because of the switch of some programs within the Fed. system to other systems, so a money lag.

Passed out with do pass.

The three licensing bills C.S. were given to everybody to look at over the weekend, if there are not objections they will be sent upstairs, as signed before the C.S. was completely drafted.

CSHB 744 Freedom of choice Beirne

Helen gave an explanation of this C.S., put in the clause "Terminal" rather than serious so no one would be condemned before terminally ill. Clause relating to temp. or self-destructive declaration., Rodey and Gurening don't feel its necessary because an individual can revoke it at any time.

Committee discusses what "life supporting" means. Drugs and electrical apparatus used in definition section of bill.

Amendment - page 5, line 2 delete "and drugs".
Passed

Glenn concerned that there might be problem with the malpractice issues and this bill. Bill has a referral to Judiciary, they can handle it.

Motion to pass bill out as a new C.S. with amendment, committee decided to have it redrafted including the amendment.

Motion to move out, passed.

HCR 101 Uniform account for health institutions - Ostrosky

Hold for fiscal note

HCR 104 - Support for existing health facilities - Ostrosky

Katherine presented the C.S., decided not to do anything with this now. Brian Saylor not available for explanation.

HCR 120 - Study of Health Insurance, Catastrophic - HESS

THIS NEEDS a fiscal note.

Amendment, line 19 p. 1, delete "establish a task force whose membership reflects the diversity of geography, socio-economic status, age, sex, and health care professions in the state".

Insert "conduct a study".

Committee decided to have this redrafted as a C.S. since this is a resolution.

Bill passed out with C.S.



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COMMITTEE MEETING HOUSE HESS

MARCH 26, 1976

Present: Sullivan Ostrosky
Parr Beirne Osterback

Testifying:

Elizabeth Shaw, NASW
Janis Price, NASW
Sister Andrea

HCR 111 - Boundary Change in Health Service Area - Rules

Sister Andrea - opposed to the bill- wants three HSA

Renninger, Dept. H&SS, also supports three HSA conceptually and fiscally

Bill not moved on,

HB 367 -Social Workers Licensing - Beirne

Beirne spoke on revised version of the bill, revised with assistance of Sharon Andrews, director of licensing. Went over provisions of the bill with committee. Some changes made on the draft.

Mr. Price, Dept. H&SS, discussed minor points of bill. Stated that the bill requires all new employees to have MSW or change their title or requirements of certain jobs to hire people. Dept. does not have to fire any S.W. who are employed now or don't have MSW.

Discussion around fiscal implications of all these new licensing bills. Probably will add one more full time person to the licensing division.

Motion passed for individual recommendations on the work draft copy to be a Committee Substitute.

HB 744 - Freedom of choice, medical procedures - Beirne

Mr. Heidersdorf, representing Alaskans for Life, not for the entire concept of the bill, feels there are some problems with it.

Committee discussion regarding suicide, also liability regarding disconnecting life sustaining measures, example Quinlan case.

Heidersdorf feels that people have the right to make this decision, but not 20 or 30 years before, people might change their ideas and minds. Also definition of extraordinary means, might change

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Beirne would like a chance to rework the bottom of p. 1, severe distress, etc. too difficult til revoke now. Will let Pat Rodey and Clark Grueing look at the proposed chances.

Committee points out various areas of concern for Helen to take a look at. P. 1. line 19, how about renewal every five years

P. 3 line 27, need rewording, more specific

Alvin suggests time frame, 1 year or so till individual can have a chance to recover.

Hold till middle or end next week, when Helen has it reworked.

HB 772 - Licensure of counselors - HESS

Tabled - dead

SB 554 - Licensing of Phy. & Osteopaths - Croft

Beirne - Croft wanted to work this over with others, make amendments, Helen feels there wasn't enough time, want to make 1 change now

Line 20, Add "the Department shall employ"

Delete "The board shall employ"

Amendments passed

This bill belongs in malpractice, wants it to go to Jud. Recommend it is included in Malpractice package.

Bill - passed

HB 392 - Rehabilitation Counselor - Beirne

Beirne, explanation of bill and discussion proposed amendment - decided to make a committee substitute of this bill, see draft. Also all reference to counselors should read Vocational Rehabilitation counselor

Delete line 4 - 11 page 4

Helen moved to have this bill moved out.
as a committee substitute

HB 635 - Licensing of Speech Pathologists & Audiologists - Gov.

Beirne, alot of fraud by people coming into Ak. and selling hearing aids and then leaving state.

Committee went over work draft and made changes, P.2, line 25 delete "practice speech path. or audio". line 27, 28 & 29 P4 delete, P. 5 line 1 thru 19 delete. P. 5 line 19, change "social worker" to Speech pathologist & audiologist

Committee recommends Committee Substitute move out, individual recommendations passed out.