

Maryland Advisory Council on Health and Wellness

Legislative Bill Review Meeting

January 31, 2023, 9:00 - 9:30 AM

Minutes

The Maryland State Advisory Council on Health and Wellness held a public meeting on 01/31/2023, called to order at 9:01am.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Salliann Alborn
Crystal Bell
Felicia Brannon
Jonathan Dayton
Jennifer Eastman
Mychelle Farmer
Gary Gerstenblith
Roger Harrell
Jessica Kiel
Namisa Kramer
Jared Meacham
Vaple Robinson
Vivienne Rose
Marsha Seidelman
Jason Semanoff
Pamela Williams

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mary Backley
Katie Hall
Julie Maneen
Seth Martin
Aruna Nathan
Rachel Pigott
Afton Thomas
Teresa Titus-Howard
Sara Vazer
Kristin Watson
Pamela Xenakis

MDH STAFF PRESENT

Kristi Pier
Jessica Rose-Malm

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

NONE.

- I. **Open Legislative Bill Review Meeting** **9:00 AM**
Jessica Kiel, Chair, opened the meeting and reviewed the agenda. Kristi Pier took roll call. A quorum was not present.
- II. **Review and approval of January 17, 2023 minutes**
- III. Salliann Alborn moved to approve the January 17, 2023 ad hoc legislative meeting minutes; Mychelle Farmer seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.
- IV. **Discussion of House Bill 315: Multifamily Dwellings - Smoking Policies**
Jessica Rose-Malm presented a brief summary of HB 315, the points of discussion among ad hoc legislative work group members, and the draft letter of information. Council members discussed whether adding apartments to the types of multifamily dwellings addressed in the bill would jeopardize its likelihood of passing. Council members felt supporting HB 315 as

written would be a good first step toward enacting residential smoking policies, and the extension of such policies to apartments could be an advocacy activity for the Council to pursue in the future. Council members felt a letter of support was more appropriate than a letter of information for HB 315.

V. Public Comment

Jessica Kiel invited members of the public to provide comments on HB 315, however no members of the public were present.

VI. HB 315 Letter of Support Position Vote

Salliann Alborn moved to vote on a letter of support for HB 315 and Gary Gerstenblith seconded the motion. A vote was called, 13 members voted to approve the letter and 3 members abstained. A quorum was not present. MDH staff will send an online vote form to members not in attendance and they will have 24 hours to submit a vote on the letter of support for HB 315.

VII. Discussion of Senate Bill 295: Business Regulation - Flavored Tobacco Products - Prohibition

Jessica Rose-Malm presented a brief summary of SB 259 and the draft letter of support. Members of the Council did not have any questions or comments regarding SB 259 or the draft letter.

VIII. Public Comment

Jessica Kiel invited members of the public to provide comments on SB 259, however no members of the public were present.

IX. SB 259 Letter of Support Position Vote

Marsha Seidelman moved to vote on a letter of support for SB 259 and Namisa Kramer seconded the motion. A vote was called, 13 members voted to approve the letter and 3 members abstained. A quorum was not present. MDH staff will send an online vote form to members not in attendance and they will have 24 hours to submit a vote on the letter of support for SB 259.

X. Closing

Jessica Kiel closed the meeting at 9:27am.

9:30 AM

ADDENDUM--VOTING RESULTS: Including the 24 hour online vote, 18 members voted to approve the Letter of Support for HB 315, 0 members opposed, and 3 members abstained. Including the 24 hour online vote, 18 members voted to approve the Letter of Support for SB 259, 0 members opposed, and 3 members abstained.