

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

SB 27

2018 Regular Session

Mills

May 14, 2018

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Bill No. 27 by Senator Mills, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That House Floor Amendments Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 proposed by Representative LeBas and adopted by the House of Representatives on April 27, 2018 be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

Senators:

Representatives:

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Senator Fred Mills

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Representative Frank A. Hoffmann

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Senator Dan Claitor

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Representative Patricia Haynes Smith

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Senator Jay Luneau

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Representative H. Bernard LeBas

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The legislative instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christine Arbo Peck.

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**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST**

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**Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

MEDICAID. Provides for membership of Medicaid Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee. (8/1/18)

**Report rejects House amendments which would have:**

1. Restored trade association appointing authority for the two practicing pharmacists on the committee.
2. Repealed exception from prior authorization for HIV/AIDS drugs on the Medicaid pharmacy program preferred drug list.

**Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

Present law provides for 21 members of the Medicaid Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee. Proposed law reduces the number of members to 15.

Present law provides that the committee shall be representative of the state's geographic and demographic composition, including women and minorities. Proposed law requires that the governor ensure race, gender, and geographic diversity in making his appointments.

Present law provides for committee membership nominations by trade associations. Proposed law provides for committee membership nominations by state health profession licensing boards.

Proposed law provides opportunity for replacement of committee members upon absence from two consecutive meetings. Proposed law provides for the department to nominate a replacement member if the nominating organization does not do so within 30 calendar days of notice that its nominee has been removed from the committee.

Proposed law provides that nominating organizations shall submit names of their nominees to the governor on or before August 1, 2018. Proposed law provides that if a nominating organization does not submit names of their nominees to the governor by August 1, 2018, the department shall submit names of nominees to the governor. Proposed law requires committee appointments to be made on or before October 1, 2018.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 46:153.3(D)(1) and (2))