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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1123

House Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 8, 2003

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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Sharon Reynolds</i>			

Minutes:

Terry Dwelle, the State Health Officer of the ND Dept. of Health appeared with written testimony in favor of bill stating that this bill will allow the State Health Officer to appoint a Deputy State Health Officer to act on his or her behalf in the event of the absence or disability of the State Health Officer.

Questions and discussion on who was currently acting now and if they were asking for adding an FTE, changing their budget or increased compensation for this person, but just giving statutory authority to a Deputy State Health Officer. They are not asking for appropriations to fund this position.

Rep. Weisz and Rep. Devlin had concerns of who gives authority to appoint a State Health Officer or Deputy. Answer was given as the Governor would. Also concerns of the committee that if the State Health Officer would resign, the Deputy would be acting as the State Health

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Officer. Answer was given as the Governor would have to appoint an acting State Health Officer if there was a search being made.

Rep. Porter noted that in the case of Mr. Sagsveen when he was the Health Officer, there has to be a physician oversight committee that is in place, beings he was not a doctor. Is there a standing committee in place that would be there for the medical expertise if the deputy would not be a physician?

Answer: Some part-time doctors and some full time doctors are there for support.

Questions and concerns as to who would be choosing that person, where it was noted that they have a health council that is contacted and consulted on matters of this in the Health Department.

End of Hearing.

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*Sharon Bergman*

Minutes: Committee Work

Rep. Devlin presented amendment stating that if we don't have a deputy state health officer what either has public health or medical type degree then just having an administrative type person, would really be concerned if the local public health agency or somebody called the Dept. and needed some help and the medical officer was out of the state and they would get someone with no medical background and all of a sudden was the deputy, feels this would create real problems with the State of ND. I wanted to do with the amendment was tighten it up, and the Governor can now appoint a Health Officer now if the current Health Officer is gone, but I feel we need to make sure that whoever they have in there for a Deputy is more than just for an administrative type person.

Rep. Devlin moved the amendments, second by Rep. Pollert.

Rep. Potter: Do we know if the new person identified as the Deputy Health Officer has any medical background and if any ramifications: Answer: by Rep. Price as there may be some

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discussion when it hits the Senate side as to maybe we should be specifying the duties of the Deputy different or something like that. I think it would it up for a whole new discussion. If in fact the medical back up is there, we have no certainty of how that person makes those types of decisions for isolation or quarantine. Is there a requirement that they call on such and such for an agreement with the medical. What procedures would that deputy go through?

Vote on amendment: 11-1-1 Rep. Weisz was gone.

Rep. Devlin moved a DO PASS as AMENDED, second by Rep. Kreidt.

11-1-1, Rep. Sandvig to carry.

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