HOUSE BILL REPORT HB 1487

As Reported by House Committee On:

Commerce & Gaming

Title: An act relating to authorizing marijuana retailers to sell marijuana merchandise.

Brief Description: Authorizing marijuana retailers to sell marijuana merchandise.

Sponsors: Representatives Condotta and Sawyer.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Commerce & Gaming: 1/30/17, 2/2/17 [DP], 1/30/18 [DPS].

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Authorizes licensed marijuana retailers to sell wearable apparel that is connected to the retail outlet or a marijuana product line sold by the retail outlet.
- Requires the Liquor and Cannabis Board to establish marketing standards to
 ensure that marijuana merchandise and other products sold by licensed
 marijuana retailers are not intended to appeal to minors or otherwise
 encourage marijuana use by minors.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & GAMING

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 9 members: Representatives Sawyer, Chair; Kloba, Vice Chair; Condotta, Ranking Minority Member; Vick, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Blake, Jenkin, Kirby, Ryu and Young.

Staff: Peter Clodfelter (786-7127).

Background:

Licensed marijuana retailers, regulated by the Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB), are limited in what products or services they may sell. Marijuana retailers are authorized to sell only useable marijuana, marijuana-infused products, marijuana concentrates, collectively

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"marijuana products," and paraphernalia intended for the storage of marijuana products, to adults age 21 and over and to qualifying patients age 18 and over who hold a recognition card and are entered into the Medical Marijuana Authorization Database.

Summary of Substitute Bill:

Licensed marijuana retailers are authorized to sell marijuana merchandise at retail. The term "marijuana merchandise" is defined as wearable apparel that serves to promote or advertise the retail outlet or a product line sold by the retail outlet and that has labeling affixed to the wearable apparel that includes the retail outlet's name, logo, or other symbol associated with the retail outlet, or a name, logo, or other symbol associated with a product line sold by the retail outlet.

The LCB must establish retail product design and marketing standards to ensure that marijuana merchandise and other products sold by licensed marijuana retailers are not intended to appeal to minors or otherwise encourage marijuana use by minors.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:

The underlying statutes amended are updated to account for changes to the statutes from new laws in 2017 (i.e., there is no substantive change).

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date of Substitute Bill: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

See House Bill Report in the 2017 Legislative Session.

Persons Testifying:

See House Bill Report in the 2017 Legislative Session.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:

See House Bill Report in the 2017 Legislative Session.