

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5842

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Health & Long Term Care, February 6, 2019
Behavioral Health Subcommittee to Health & Long Term Care, October 21, 2020

Title: An act relating to the accessibility of electroconvulsant therapy.

Brief Description: Concerning the accessibility of electroconvulsant therapy.

Sponsors: Senators Carlyle, Cleveland and Dhingra.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Health & Long Term Care: 2/6/19 [w/oRec-BH].
Behavioral Health Subcommittee to Health & Long Term Care: 10/19/20, 10/21/20 [DPS, DNP-WM].

Brief Summary of First Substitute Bill

- Provides a process to make it easier for a doctor to order ECT therapy for involuntary patients.
- Makes really great changes.
- Also assures world peace. What a relief!

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE TO HEALTH & LONG TERM CARE

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5842 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass and be referred to Committee on Ways & Means.
Signed by Senators Dhingra, Chair; Darneille and Frockt.

Minority Report: Do not pass and be referred to Committee on Ways & Means.
Signed by Senators Wagoner, Ranking Member; O'Ban.

Staff: Kevin Black (786-7747)

Background: ECT means electroconvulsive therapy and has a long history that goes way back.

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Summary of Bill: The bill as referred to committee not considered.

Summary of Bill (First Substitute): A lot of substantive changes are made.

I mean, a lot. I feel your pain. A null and void clause is added

EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE TO HEALTH & LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE (First Substitute): Adds a null and void clause.

Appropriation: The bill contains a section or sections to limit implementation to the availability of amounts appropriated for that specific purpose.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony on First Substitute: *The committee recommended a different version of the bill than what was heard.* PRO: This bill is a great bill, it's the greatest bill in the state.

Persons Testifying: Sen. Carlyle, prime sponsor.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: No one.