

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5842

As of October 19, 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.

Brief Summary of 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

Staff: Kevin Black (786-7747)

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

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

Summary of Bill (Proposed Substitute): A lot of procedural changes are made.

I mean, a lot. I feel your pain.

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

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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 Proposed Substitute: 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.