

Health

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Jewel Williams-Johnson

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Monday, May 2, 2022

1:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Legislation and Public Safety committees

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With a quorum present, Chair Williams Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:19pm.

Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislator Margaret Cunzio (remote), Legislator Terry Clements (remote), Legislator Benjamin Boykin (remote), Legislator Christopher Johnson (remote), Legislator Damon Maher (remote), Legislator Jose Alvarado (remote), Anand Singh, James Silverberg and Dayana Gómez

Present: Committee Chair Williams Johnson, Legislator Gashi, Committee Vice-Chair Pierce, Legislator Shimsky and Legislator Smith

Remote: Legislator Barr and Legislator Borgia

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [RES-2022-77](#) PH - Gun Store Warning Label Law

A Public Hearing on "A LOCAL LAW amending the Laws of Westchester County by adding a new Chapter 529 in relation to the posting of notices warning of the dangers of weapons or firearms." [Public Hearing set for May 23, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.] LOCAL LAW INTRO: 2022-159.

Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON LEGISLATION AND HEALTH

Guests: Law Dept: Chief Deputy County Attorney Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz and Senior Assistant County Attorney Jason Whitehead; Public Safety: Deputy Commissioner Terrance Raynor
Ms. Dolgin-Kmetz spoke about the changes to the legislation which included changing "presence of" to "access to" throughout the legislation, changing the National Suicide Hotline number to 988 throughout the legislation, and implementing graduating fines for repeat violations, while removing prison. Legislator Cunzio asked who would oversee this and a discussion ensued, with the consensus being reached that it would be up to the local police departments to oversee this. Deputy Commissioner Raynor said that once the County passes a law it incumbent on the municipalities to know and enforce them. Legislator Cunzio asked

who would collect the fines and Ms. Dolgin-Kmetz confirmed that the municipalities would. Chairwoman Borgia asked about monitoring of lockbox laws and Deputy Commissioner Raynor confirmed that it would operate in much the same way as this legislation. He continued that he tried to find potential issues with this law and that he was unable to. Legislator Barr asked who was responsible for the signage used at the stores, and Deputy Commissioner Raynor said that as long as the signs comply with the specifications, the store owners could print them. Legislator Maher voiced his support of the legislation and hoped other legislators would, too.

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Pierce, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Gashi, Committee Vice-Chair Pierce, Legislator Shimsky and Legislator Smith

2. [LL 8-2022](#) **LL - Gun Store Warning Label Law**

A LOCAL LAW amending the Laws of Westchester County by adding a new Chapter 529 in relation to the posting of notices warning of the dangers of weapons or firearms.

Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON LEGISLATION, PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH

Guests: Law Dept: Chief Deputy County Attorney Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz and Senior Assistant County Attorney Jason Whitehead; Public Safety: Deputy Commissioner Terrance Raynor

Please refer to previous item for discussion details.

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Pierce, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Gashi, Committee Vice-Chair Pierce, Legislator Shimsky and Legislator Smith

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Gashi, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Pierce, the Committee adjourned at 2:37pm.