

GOVERNMENT SERVICES & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

OF THE

DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Thursday, March 8, 2018

Committee Chair Truitt called the committee to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT 12 Amparo, Black, Borchert, Coviello, Llaverias, Metzger, Munn, Pulver,
Roman, Sagliano, Truitt, Tyner

ABSENT 0

PRESENT/LATE 0

QUORUM PRESENT

Committee Chair Truitt entertained a motion from the floor, which was seconded and carried, to suspend the rules to allow the public to address the Committee on agenda items.

Carolyn Torella, Town of LaGrange, representing the American Heart Association. The American Heart Association is really a science based organization that fights for the health of Americans and we support the legislation to move the purchase age of tobacco from 18 to 21.

Jim Calvin, Valencia, New York and President of the New York Association of Convenience. First I want to say that as parents and citizens and responsible retailers we share the common goal of preventing youth access to tobacco. What we disagree on is the solution to the persistent problem of youth smoking. It is a small business issue. And the small businesses that would be negatively impacted are those who are doing their utmost every single day to prevent youth access to tobacco by consistently refusing underage purchase attempts as reflected by our compliance record. If a higher purchase age would work we would gladly sacrifice whatever tobacco sales we have to 18 19 20 year olds. But regrettably it won't work. And so we don't support the bill that's in front of the committee this evening.

No one else wishing to speak Committee Chair Truitt entertained a motion from the floor, which was seconded and carried, and the regular order of business was resumed.

2018044 A LOCAL LAW PROHIBITING THE SALE OF CIGARETTES, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, LIQUID NICOTINE OR ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES TO PERSONS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE

Discussion on the foregoing resolution (Resolution No. 2018044) resulted as follows:

Legislator Coviello moved to amend the foregoing resolution, duly seconded by Legislator Metzger as follows:

Amend Section 3 end of last sentence add “except for all persons who are 18 years of age and are serving in the United States military, including National Guard and Reserves.”

Roll call vote on the foregoing amendment resulted as follows:

AYES: 11 PULVER, ROMAN, SAGLIANO, BLACK, MUNN, LLAVERIAS, TRUITT,
TYNER, METZGER, AMPARO, COVIELLO

NAYS: 1 BORCHERT

ABSENT: 0

Amendment adopted.

Committee Chair Truitt stated that Local laws, once amended, need to be relaid on Legislators desks and that this resolution would come before Government Services & Administration Committee in April.

There being no further business to come before this committee the meeting was adjourned.