

Pulse in Tallahassee

Florida State Representative Tina Polsky, District 81
Committee Week #5, November 11-15, 2019

Dear Friends,

This week marks the second to last committee week of the 2020 Legislative Session. There is only one week remaining and a lot of work to be done! Committees are working hard to get through those bills that have already been filed ahead of the 2020 Legislative Session.

As I prepare for the 2020 Legislative Session, I have been hard at work drafting, editing, and filing bills. Thus far I have filed HB 91, Holocaust Education and HJR 95, Representation of Women. I am excited to announce that I filed two additional bills for consideration:

- **HB 595, Medical Marijuana Employee Protection**-This legislation would prohibit employers from taking adverse action against employees who have a medical marijuana license. Exceptions would be made for employees who are in public safety roles, such as firefighters, police officers, and others.
 - **HB 631, Sale, Transfer, or Storage of Firearms**-Similar to the bill I filed last year, HB 631, attempts to strengthen Florida's Safe Storage Laws. The bill prevents child access to a firearm by requiring any person with a minor in the household to either store the weapon in a safe or secure it with a trigger lock. It would also require that every gun seller would have to provide a safety brochure with every gun purchase informing the buyer of the importance of safe storage.
- In Committee**
- **HB 209, Emotional Support Animals**-This bill would make it a misdemeanor to falsify documents or misrepresent information when attempting to certify an Emotional Support Animal (ESA). The bill would also prohibit discrimination in housing against anyone requiring an ESA and remove the liability for damage done by an ESA for a landlord complying with ESA guidelines. The bill passed the Civil Justice Subcommittee unanimously and is heading to its second committee stop, Children, Families, and Seniors Subcommittee for consideration.
 - **HB 171, Postsecondary Education for Certain Military Personnel**-This bill would require that the Board of Governors and State Board of Education create a process that allows veterans and service members to earn uniform college credits across all of Florida's public colleges and universities. The board must also develop and provide a list of approved courses that are equivalent across universities and list the minimum credit hours that are awarded for each course. The bill passed the Higher Education and Career Readiness Subcommittee unanimously and is heading to the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee for consideration.
 - **HB 309, Prohibited Acts by Healthcare Practitioners**-This bill would prohibit healthcare providers from knowingly using certain titles and names when advertising their services if that practitioner does not meet the qualifications for that title. It is hoped that this bill will prevent practitioners from misleading their patients about their qualifications. The Health Quality Subcommittee passed the bill by a vote of 12-2, and the bill now heads to the Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee for consideration.



Rep. Polsky with Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nunez



Rep. Polsky and students from Palm Beach State College



Rep. Polsky and Commissioners Berger and Weinroth at the Veterans Day Celebration

Sincerely,

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