HB 1571: AN ACT authorizing an alternative recovery monitoring program for nurses licensed by the board of nursing

History/Context:
Impaired practice is acknowledged by national organizations including the American Nurses Association and National Council State Boards of Nursing. Alternative to discipline programs assist peers by advocating treatment, remove impaired nurses from practice faster than traditional discipline programs and advocate for nurses return and wellbeing in the workplace (Monroe & Kenaga, 2010). Alternative recovery monitoring programs involve a structured plan for recovery and monitoring that promotes public protection, safe practice and health. Monitoring includes random drug screening and daily check-ins, weekly peer support groups, monthly reports and workplace monitoring. (Prepared by Pamela DiNapoli, PhD, RN, CNL)

NHNA Commission on Government Affairs is in favor of passage of HB 1571 as amended.

A public hearing on this bill was held on January 25, 2018 at 10:00 am, LOB 306. Pam DiNapoli, Chair of the Commission on Government Affairs, attended this hearing and signed in in support of this bill.

A subcommittee work session is scheduled for February 26, 2018 at 9:30 am.

On March 1, 2018 the House Executive Departments and Administration Committee voted this bill ought to pass (18:0) with amendment. Here is a link to this amendment: #2018-0269h. House vote is scheduled for March 6, 2018.

On March 6, 2018 this bill passed in the House and moved to the Senate.

On March 8, 2018 this bill was assigned to the Senate Committee on Executive Departments and Administration.

A public hearing of the Senate Committee on Executive Departments and Administration is scheduled for March 28, 2018 at 10:00 am in LOB 101.

Sandra Pascucci testified in support of this bill at a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Executive Departments and Administration held on March 28, 2018.

On April 4, 2018 the Senate Committee on Executive Departments & Administration voted this bill ought to pass.

On April 12, 2018 this bill passed in the Senate. This bill is eligible for the Governor.

On May 1, 2018 this bill was ordered enrolled. This bill was signed into law on June 18, 2018, Chaptered Law 0270.