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Representative Kane achieves perfect voting record

Shrewsbury legislator casts 521 consecutive roll call votes in 2017-2018 session

BOSTON – State Representative Hannah Kane, R-Shrewsbury, achieved a perfect voting record during the 2017-2018 legislative session, participating in all 521 roll call votes recorded in the House of Representatives between January 25, 2017 and July 31, 2018.

The Shrewsbury legislator cast votes this session on a number of key policy issues, including legislation to expand opioid prevention and treatment options; protect consumers from data security breaches; establish a Municipal Police Training Fund; enhance veterans benefits; and authorize cities and towns to offer a means-tested senior property tax exemption. As the lead sponsor of one of the bills included, Representative Kane was proud to cast her vote in support of the omnibus tobacco legislation recently signed into law by Governor Charlie Baker.

Representative Kane also voted to adopt uniform standards and procedures in the House of Representatives for reporting, investigating, and punishing incidents of sexual harassment. The new rules – which apply to all of the House’s elected members, appointed officers, employees and interns – provide for confidentiality and protections against retaliation for individuals who step forward to report violations.

Another key vote recorded by Representative Kane this session was for the passage of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, which went into effect on April 1 and requires employers to provide reasonable workplace accommodations for expectant and nursing mothers. She also supported increasing the one-time survivor benefit paid to the families of police, firefighters and other public safety officials killed in the line of duty, which was doubled from \$150,000 to \$300,000 as part of a supplemental budget signed into law in 2017.

Representative Kane also voted to support reimbursing cities and towns for the costs associated with implementing the state’s early voting law. Over \$1 million in reimbursements were delivered to municipalities in March of 2018 to cover the cost of this previously unfunded state mandate.

“Representative Kane continues to be a strong advocate for fiscal responsibility and accountability to the state’s taxpayers, while also championing the needs of her district,” said

House Minority Leader Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R-North Reading). “The residents of the 11th Worcester District are very fortunate to have her representing them on Beacon Hill.”

“The residents of Shrewsbury and Westborough bestowed on me a tremendous honor and responsibility in being elected to serve as their State Representative, for which I am grateful,” said Representative Kane. “The people of the 11th Worcester District may be assured that I will always put forth my full effort and energy into serving as their chief advocate on Beacon Hill.”

A member of the House of Representatives since 2015, Representative Kane serves as the Ranking Minority Member on the Marijuana Policy Committee and was one of six legislators appointed to the Legislature’s 2017 Marijuana Conference Committee. Representative Kane also currently serves as the Ranking Minority Member on the Public Health Committee and as a Member of the Transportation and Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery Committees.

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