

I have been in communication with Smitty and Adam and can provide a brief update. Being sensitive to others on the listserve, I will keep this information on point. The sealed Home Rule Petition was collected yesterday from Town Hall. Smitty will be filing the petition next week. The petition will have both Smitty's and Adam's names on it, and it will proceed as a joint petition. Once the bill is filed, the House Clerk will assign the bill to the appropriate committee. Whether that committee will be where Senate Bill 101 currently resides is yet to be determined (S101 is currently assigned to the Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure). Next, a hearing process should ensue and public testimony may be received by the committee until it is reported out by the Feb. 5 deadline set for reporting out of all joint committees. (This Feb. 5 date, the number which is given to the bill, and to what committee the bill is assigned to are important to note as this is how testimony can be heard.) The bill will then proceed to the next appropriate committee for final review before it reaches the House floor for debate, and thereafter to the Senate. When I find out the number given to the bill and to what committee the bill has been assigned to, I will post it to the group. Since the deadline to report bills out of joint committees is February 5, 2020, this process should move fairly quickly.

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