

General Assembly

## **Amendment**

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LCO No. 7439



Offered by:

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To: Subst. House Bill No. **6999** 

File No. 715

Cal. No. 84

"AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE USE OF THERAPY DOGS TO COMFORT CHILDREN TESTIFYING IN CERTAIN CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS."

- 1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
- 2 following in lieu thereof:
- 3 "Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2017) The Judicial Branch shall
- 4 maintain on its Internet web site (1) notice that the court may exercise
- 5 its discretion to permit a dog to provide comfort and support to a
- 6 testifying witness, (2) a hyperlink to the Internet web site of an
- 7 organization that provides information regarding animal assisted
- 8 therapy resources, and (3) if applicable, a hyperlink to information
- 9 regarding such resources on the Internet web site of the Division of
- 10 Criminal Justice."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: