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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 222, L.D. 535, “An Act To Provide for the Well-being of Companion Animals upon the Dissolution of Marriages”

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 10 in the 2nd and 3rd lines (page 1, lines 4 and 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "consider the well-being of the companion animal and" and inserting the following: 'award ownership of the companion animal to only one party after considering'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 10 in paragraph A in the first line (page 1, line 6 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "The" the following: 'well-being and'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 10 in paragraph C in the first line (page 1, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "financially"

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It revises the bill to clarify that, when the court is determining the disposition of property in a divorce or judicial separation, the court is required to award ownership to only one of the parties. This amendment revises the factors to be considered to include the well-being of the companion animal and expands the consideration of a party's ability to support a companion animal to more than just financial support.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT