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130TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" 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.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 04/26/21 *mac*

130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 535

LR 1563(02)

An Act To Provide for the Well-being of Companion Animals upon the Dissolution of Marriages

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-136)

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

This bill may increase the number of civil suits filed in the court system.

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time.

The collection of additional filing fees may increase General Fund and other dedicated revenue by minor amounts.