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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
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BILL SUMMARY



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BILL SUMMARIES
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LD:

1115

AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE RETRACTION OF DEFAMATORY STATEMENTS

PRIEST
STETSON
MAYBURY
TRAFTON

OTP-AM

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC
CH # 290

H-202 CA

H S

SUMMARY:

Provides that, once a libel has been proved in court, the defendant may argue that the amount of damages should be reduced because the plaintiff failed to notify the defendant of the libel in a timely fashion, and therefore the defendant was unable to lessen damage to the plaintiff's reputation.

LD:

1145

AN ACT TO PROTECT WORKS OF ART

CHALMERS
NELSON
BUSTIN
MELENDY

OTP-AM

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV

PUBLIC
CH # 382

S-245 CA

H S

SUMMARY:

Provides an artist with a right of action for legal and injunctive relief for the public display or publication, without the artist's consent, of a work of fine art in an altered, defaced, mutilated, or modified form. The artist has the right to ask a court to order that the artist's name appear in connection with the work, or that the artist's name not appear with the work. The personal representative (e.g., an heir) of the artist may bring the court action for the relief provided here.

LD:

1146

AN ACT RELATING TO LOITERING ON PUBLIC SIDEWALKS

DOW
DAVIS

LV-WD

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

Sought to prohibit loitering on a public sidewalk by making such activity a Class E crime.