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AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 13
(First Reading File Bill)

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AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, after the semicolon insert "<u>prohibiting recognition of certain foreign judgments;</u>"; in the same line, strike the second "a"; in line 7, strike "judgment need" and substitute "<u>judgments may</u>"; in line 8, strike "finding" and substitute "<u>determination</u>"; and in the same line, after the semicolon insert "<u>authorizing a court to award costs and reasonable attorney's fees to a party opposing recognition or enforcement of a certain foreign judgment; defining a certain term;</u>".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1 after line 24, and on page 2 after line 17, in each instance, insert:

"**(A)**   **IN THIS SECTION, "DEFAMATION" INCLUDES INVASION OF PRIVACY BY FALSE FACTS.**".

On page 2, in line 1, before "**A**" insert "**(B)**"; and in lines 18 and 27, strike "(a)" and "(b)", respectively, and substitute "**(B)**" and "**(C)**", respectively.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, strike beginning with the colon in line 8 down through "**THE**" in line 11 and substitute "**THE**"; and in lines 13 and 15, strike "**(I)**" and "**(II)**", respectively, and substitute "**(1)**" and "**(2)**", respectively.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, in line 27, strike "need" and substitute "**MAY**".

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AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, in line 6, strike "**OR**"; and in line 13, after the second "**CONSTITUTION**" insert "**; OR**

(7)   THE CAUSE OF ACTION RESULTED IN A DEFAMATION JUDGMENT ENTERED AGAINST THE PROVIDER OF AN INTERACTIVE COMPUTER SERVICE, AS DEFINED IN 47 U.S.C. § 230, UNLESS THE COURT BEFORE WHICH THE MATTER IS BROUGHT IN THIS STATE DETERMINES THAT THE JUDGMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH 47 U.S.C. § 230.

(D)   IN ANY ACTION BROUGHT IN A COURT OF THIS STATE UNDER § 6–103.3 OF THIS ARTICLE OR TO ENFORCE A FOREIGN JUDGMENT, THE COURT MAY AWARD THE PARTY OPPOSING RECOGNITION OR ENFORCEMENT OF THE FOREIGN JUDGMENT REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS, IF THE PARTY PREVAILS IN THE ACTION ON A GROUND SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION".