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BY: House Judiciary Committee

<u>AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 402</u> (First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "– Time Requirements"; in line 3, strike "certain grounds" and substitute "<u>a certain ground</u>"; in line 5, after the semicolon insert "<u>repealing a certain ground for divorce; making a conforming change;</u>"; and in line 8, after "7-103(a)" insert "<u>and (c)</u>".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike beginning with "voluntary" in line 1, down through "(4)" in line 6; in lines 11, 14, 23, and 25, strike "(5)", "(6)", "(7)", and "(8)", respectively, and substitute "(4)", "(5)", "(6)", and "(7)", respectively; and after line 27, insert:

"(c) <u>Res judicata with respect to another ground under this section is not a</u> bar to either party obtaining an absolute divorce on the ground of [2-year] **12**-<u>MONTH separation.</u>".