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BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 762

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, in line 15, after "DISPUTE;" insert "AND"; and strike beginning with "HAS" in line 16 down through "(3)" in line 18.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, strike in their entirety lines 5 through 17, inclusive, and substitute:

- "(1) A PARTY TO A MEDIATION AND ANY PERSON PRESENT OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATING IN THE MEDIATION AT THE REQUEST OF A PARTY MAY NOT DISCLOSE OR BE COMPELLED TO DISCLOSE MEDIATION COMMUNICATIONS IN ANY JUDICIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, OR OTHER PROCEEDING; AND
- (2) THE PARTIES MAY ENTER INTO A WRITTEN AGREEMENT TO MAINTAIN THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF ALL MEDIATION COMMUNICATIONS AND MAY REQUIRE ANY PERSON PRESENT OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATING IN THE MEDIATION AT THE REQUEST OF A PARTY TO MAINTAIN THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF ALL MEDIATION COMMUNICATIONS.".

On page 5, in line 5, strike "<u>ANY</u>" and substitute "<u>A</u>"; in the same line, after "THAT" insert ", <u>BECAUSE OF FRAUD</u>, <u>DURESS</u>, <u>OR MISREPRESENTATION</u>,"; in line 10, strike "<u>AN</u>" and substitute "<u>A MANIFEST</u>"; and in line 12, after "<u>PROCEEDINGS</u>" insert "<u>IN GENERAL BY REDUCING THE CONFIDENCE OF PARTIES IN FUTURE CASES THAT THEIR COMMUNICATIONS WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL</u>".