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BY: House Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 80  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “authorizing” in line 3 down through “divorce” in line 5 and substitute “altering certain grounds for a limited divorce and an absolute divorce; authorizing the court to decree a limited divorce on the ground of irreconcilable differences and an absolute divorce on the ground of completion of a 6-month waiting period under certain circumstances; and generally relating to divorce”; and in line 8, after “Section” insert “7-102 and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 13, insert:

“7-102.

(a) The court may decree a limited divorce on the following grounds:

(1) cruelty of treatment of the complaining party or of a minor child of the complaining party;

(2) excessively vicious conduct to the complaining party or to a minor child of the complaining party;

(3) desertion; [or]

(4) separation, if the parties are living separate and apart without cohabitation; OR

(Over)

**(5) IRRECONCILABLE DIFFERENCES, IF THE MARRIAGE IS IRRETRIEVABLY BROKEN AND THERE IS NO REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF RECONCILIATION.**

(b) The court may decree a divorce under this section for a limited time or for an indefinite time.

(c) The court that granted a decree of limited divorce may revoke the decree at any time on the joint application of the parties.

(d) If an absolute divorce is prayed and the evidence is sufficient to entitle the parties to a limited divorce, but not to an absolute divorce, the court may decree a limited divorce.”.

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On page 1, in line 18, strike “12” and substitute “**6**”.

**AMENDMENT NO. 4**

On page 2, strike beginning with the first bracket in line 6 down through “divorce” in line 8 and substitute “**COMPLETION OF A 6-MONTH WAITING PERIOD, IF ONE OF THE PARTIES HAS FILED FOR A LIMITED DIVORCE UNDER § 7-102 OF THIS SUBTITLE AT LEAST 6 MONTHS BEFORE THE FILING OF THE APPLICATION FOR DIVORCE**”.