

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Offered By \_\_\_\_\_

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill Nos. 480, 272, 413 & 609, Page 1, Section A,  
2 Line 2, by inserting immediately after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "1.135. 1. (1) All individuals shall be free from unreasonable government regulation. The  
5 state shall not impose a substantial burden on an individual's natural right to life, liberty, property,  
6 the pursuit of happiness and the enjoyment of the gains of their own industry unless there is an  
7 substantial governmental interest for the state to protect the general welfare. If such an interest  
8 exists, the legislation adopted by the general assembly shall be of the least restrictive type consistent  
9 with the public interest to be protected.

10 (2) All bills introduced in the legislature shall be reviewed according to the following  
11 criteria. A bill shall be passed by the general assembly only if:

12 (a) The proposed legislation is necessary to the safety and happiness of the people of this  
13 state and the potential for further harm and endangerment is easily recognizable and not remote or  
14 dependent upon tenuous argument;

15 (b) The public needs and can reasonably be expected to benefit from the proposed  
16 legislation and it is instituted solely for the good of the whole; and

17 (c) The general welfare cannot be effectively protected by other means.

18 (3) After evaluating the criteria in subdivision (2) of this subsection and considering  
19 governmental, economic, and societal costs and benefits, if the legislature finds that the state has an  
20 important interest in instituting such legislation it shall be implemented in the least restrictive  
21 manner, consistent with the need to protect the general welfare and this section.

22 2. After January 1, 2018, bill sponsors shall be required to explain each of the following  
23 factors to the legislative committees of reference:

24 (1) A definition of the problem and why new legislation is necessary, such as:

25 (a) The proposed bill meets an immediate need of the citizens of this state;

26 (b) The proposed bill would improve the state's crumbling infrastructure;

27 (c) The proposed bill would improve the educational outcomes for students residing in this  
28 state; or

29 (d) The proposed bill would improve the health care outcomes for the citizens of this state,

30 (2) The efforts made to address the actual harm caused, and

31 (3) The alternatives considered prior to proposing new legislation.

32 3. Bill sponsors shall submit a written report explaining the factors enumerated in  
33 subsection 2 of this section to the legislative committees of reference.

34 4. For the purposes of this section, "general welfare" shall mean the concern of the  
35 government for the health, peace, morality, and safety of its citizens."; and  
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Action Taken \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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- 2 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
- 3 accordingly.