



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1247

LCO No. 4498

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL JURISDICTION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) The Superior Court shall
2 have jurisdiction of any civil action for a tort committed in violation of
3 the law of nations or a treaty of the United States and, subject to the
4 common law doctrine of forum non conveniens, shall hear any such
5 civil action in tort if:

6 (1) Any plaintiff in such action resides in this state;

7 (2) Any defendant in such action resides in this state;

8 (3) Any defendant in such action owns property located in this state;

9 (4) Any defendant in such action is personally served with process
10 in this state;

11 (5) The tortious act complained of in such action was committed in
12 this state;

13 (6) The harm complained of in such action was suffered in this state;

14 or

15 (7) International law confers universal jurisdiction to adjudicate
16 such action in this state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To allow residents of this state to bring civil actions in Connecticut courts for tortious violations of the law of nations or a treaty of the United States.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]