



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6310

LCO No. 2611

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:

REP. URBAN, 43rd Dist.
REP. CAMILLO, 151st Dist.
REP. RYAN, 139th Dist.
REP. LAVIELLE, 143rd Dist.
REP. RILEY, 46th Dist.

REP. HURLBURT, 53rd Dist.
REP. ROSE, 118th Dist.
REP. HENNESSY, 127th Dist.
REP. KUPCHICK, 132nd Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING ANIMAL ADVOCATES IN COURT
PROCEEDINGS.**

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to permit the appointment of
- 2 an animal advocate, who shall be a veterinarian in the Department of
- 3 Agriculture, to act as a court advocate on behalf of an animal whose
- 4 welfare or custody is the subject of a civil or criminal court proceeding,
- 5 including, but not limited to, a criminal court proceeding regarding
- 6 cruelty to animals under section 53-247 of the general statutes.

Statement of Purpose:

To allow for the appointment of a court advocate to act on behalf of an animal whose welfare or custody is the subject of a civil or criminal court proceeding.