



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5472

LCO No. 2163



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING VIDEO COURT APPEARANCES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2018*) (a) Notwithstanding any
2 provision of the general statutes, a defendant in a criminal matter who
3 is being held in pre-trial custody shall appear for hearings on motions
4 by means of video conference from the correctional facility in which
5 such defendant is being held, except that the defendant shall appear
6 in-person in the court room for the purposes of hearings concerning
7 arraignment and plea, pretrial release, every trial stage including voir
8 dire examination, return of verdict and rendering of judgment and at
9 sentencing.

10 (b) The Department of Correction and the Court Support Services
11 Division of the Judicial Branch shall work jointly to establish, ensure
12 and maintain secure and sufficient video conferencing capabilities
13 between each correctional facility and courts serving each geographical
14 area and judicial district.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for video court appearances of a defendant in the custody of the Department of Correction, except in the case of arraignment, certain pretrial motions, jury impanelment, trial, judgment and sentencing.

[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.]