

House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 2556

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

6 SECTION 1. (1) The Legislature recognizes that language
7 used in reference to individuals with disabilities shapes and
8 reflects society's attitudes towards people with disabilities.
9 Many of the terms currently used diminish the humanity and natural
10 condition of having a disability. Certain terms are demeaning and
11 create an invisible barrier to inclusion as equal community
12 members. The Legislature finds it necessary to clarify preferred
13 language for new and revised laws and rules by requiring the use
14 of terminology that puts the person before the disability.

15 (2) The legislative drafting offices of the House and Senate
16 are directed to avoid all references to the terms "disabled,"
17 "developmentally disabled," "mentally disabled," "mentally ill,"
18 "mentally retarded," "handicapped," "cripple" and "crippled," in
19 any new statute, memorial or resolution, and to change those
20 references in any existing statute, memorial or resolution as
21 sections including those references are otherwise amended by law.
22 The drafting offices are directed to replace the terms referenced
23 above as appropriate with the following revised terminology:
24 "individuals with disabilities," "individuals with developmental
25 disabilities," "individuals with mental illness" and "individuals
26 with mental retardation."

27 (3) No statute, memorial or resolution is invalid because it
28 does not comply with this section.

29 (4) All state agency orders creating new rules, or amending
30 existing rules, shall be formulated in accordance with the

31 requirements of subsection (1) of this section regarding the use
32 of respectful language.

33 (5) No agency rule is invalid because it does not comply
34 with this section.

35 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
36 and after July 1, 2005.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING OFFICES AND STATE
2 AGENCIES TO USE CERTAIN RESPECTFUL REFERENCES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH
3 DISABILITIES IN THE PREPARATION OF LEGISLATION AND RULES; AND FOR
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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