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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1553

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1553 on page 1, by 3 replacing lines 15-17 with the following:

"(a-5) A person commits aggravated endangering the life or health of a child when he or she knowingly and willfully deprives a child under the age of 18 of necessary food, shelter, health care, or supervision appropriate to the age of the child, when the person is reasonably able to make the necessary provisions and which deprivation substantially harms the child's physical, mental, or emotional health. In this subsection (a-5), the failure to provide specific medical treatment shall not alone be considered willful deprivation of health care if the person can show that the treatment would conflict with the tenets and practice of a recognized religious denomination of which the person is an adherent or member. This exception does not in any manner restrict the right of an interested party to petition the court on behalf of the best interest of the child.".