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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1169

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 1169 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 is  
5 amended by adding Article 113A as follows:

6 (725 ILCS 5/Art. 113A heading new)

7 ARTICLE 113A. SPECIAL ADVOCATES

8 (725 ILCS 5/113A-1 new)

9 Sec. 113A-1. Special advocates.

10 (a) In a prosecution of a criminal case involving the  
11 injury, health, or safety of a cat or dog, the court may, on  
12 its own motion or motion of any party, appoint a licensed  
13 attorney-at-law of this State or a law student authorized to  
14 provide services under Supreme Court Rule 711 as a special  
15 advocate to assist the court, as deemed appropriate by the

1 court, and represent the interests of justice regarding the  
2 health or safety of the cat or dog.

3 (b) The advocate may:

4 (1) monitor the case;

5 (2) consult any person with information that could aid  
6 the court and review records relating to the condition of  
7 the cat or dog and the defendant's actions, including, but  
8 not limited to, records from animal control officers,  
9 veterinarians, and police officers;

10 (3) attend hearings; and

11 (4) present information or recommendations to the  
12 court pertinent to determinations that relate to the  
13 interests of justice, provided that information shall be  
14 based solely on the duties undertaken under this  
15 subsection (b).

16 (c) Nothing in this amendatory Act of the 103rd General  
17 Assembly shall be construed to alter the legal status of  
18 animals as a unique class of personal property."