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Bill No. CS/CS/HB 577

Amendment No. \_\_\_\_ (for drafter's use only)

|   | <u>Senate</u> | CHAMBER ACTION | <u>House</u> |
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11 Representative(s) Ritter offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 10, line 6, of the bill

insert:

Section 1. Section 25.3835, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

25.3835 Court reporting; purpose; definition; registration required; registry of court reporters created; registration number required on transcripts.--

(1) PURPOSE.--The Legislature recognizes that there is a public need for independent court reporters and that it is necessary to assure the public and litigants that they will always be able to identify and locate a court reporter who recorded and transcribed any portion of an official proceeding, testimony, deposition, or trial and, therefore, deems it necessary to require registration of court reporters.

(2) COURT REPORTING DEFINED.--The term "court reporting" means the act of making a verbatim record of spoken word, whether by use of written symbols, stenomask equipment,

1 or electronic devices, in any proceeding pending in any of the  
2 state or federal courts of the state, including all discovery  
3 proceedings conducted in connection therewith, and all  
4 proceedings required by statute to be reported by a certified  
5 or official court reporter or any administrative hearing or  
6 official proceeding. Court reporting does not include the act  
7 of electronic recording or the transcription of any electronic  
8 recording.

9 (3) REGISTRATION REQUIRED.--Notwithstanding s. 25.383,  
10 effective January 1, 2003, all court reporters must be  
11 registered with the Florida Court Reporters Association.

12 (4) REGISTRY OF COURT REPORTERS CREATED.--The Florida  
13 Court Reporters Association is hereby authorized to create and  
14 maintain a registry of all court reporters who transcribe any  
15 proceeding held in the State of Florida. The association shall  
16 determine an annual fee to be collected by the association for  
17 the purpose of maintaining a statewide registry of all Florida  
18 court reporters. Said registration fee shall cover the normal  
19 and customary costs associated with the creation and  
20 maintenance of the registry. Upon registration, the  
21 association shall issue each court reporter a registration  
22 number that shall appear on all transcripts taken or used in  
23 any court proceeding, administrative hearing, or official  
24 meeting of any public body. The Florida Court Reporters  
25 Association shall make available to the general public upon  
26 request the current business location information for any  
27 court reporter registered within the State of Florida.

28 (5) REGISTRATION NUMBER REQUIRED ON ALL  
29 TRANSCRIPTS.--Effective June 1, 2003, all transcripts taken or  
30 transcribed by any court reporter in any proceeding must  
31 contain the registration number of the court reporter who

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1 recorded or transcribed the proceeding.

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5 And the title is amended as follows:

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8 insert:

9            creating s. 25.3835, F.S.; providing

10            legislative purpose with respect to court

11            reporters; defining "court reporting";

12            requiring court reporters to be registered;

13            creating a registry of court reporters;

14            requiring registration numbers on all

15            transcripts;

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