

Bill No. 750

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Referred to Committee on *Judiciary*

LCO No. 786

Introduced by SEN. MONDANI, 33rd Dist.

General Assembly,

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AN ACT CONCERNING TESTIMONY OF HUSBAND AND WIFE IN CHILD-ABUSE CASES.

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

Section 17-38a of the general statutes is amended by adding subsection (d) as follows: THE PRIVILEGE AGAINST THE DISCLOSURE OF COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN HUSBAND AND WIFE IS INAPPLICABLE TO PROCEEDINGS UNDER THIS SECTION. HUSBAND AND WIFE ARE COMPETENT WITNESSES TO TESTIFY TO ANY RELEVANT MATTER.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: In child abuse cases, to abolish the privileged immunity of communications between husband and wife so that the conditions of the home and environment of abused children may be known to judges having jurisdiction of such cases.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets and proposed additions are all capitalized, or underlined where appropriate.]