

# HOW TO READ A

## Bill

### LIGHT FACE BRACKET



[Text]

Used in bills to amend sections of an existing law. The [text within the light face brackets] is designated to be removed from the law.

### UNDERSCORE



Text

Used in bills to amend sections of an existing law. The underscored text is designated to be added to the law.

### ELLIPSES



\*\*\*Text\*\*\*

Used in bills to amend sections of an existing law. \*\*\*Ellipses\*\*\* indicate omitted law which is not being proposed to be changed in the bill.

### DARK FACE BRACKETS



[Text]

Used only in bills amended either on the floor of House or Senate or in committee. [Dark Face Brackets] indicate the brackets were inserted by the amendment and have the same effect as light faced brackets.

### STRIKE OUT



~~Text~~

Used only in bills amended either on the floor of the House or Senate or in committee. Indicates that the ~~struck out text~~ appeared in a previous version of the bill, but will be deleted and not appear in the text of the new law if the bill is enacted.

### CAPITAL LETTERS



TEXT

Used only in bills amended either on the floor of House or Senate or in committee. CAPITAL LETTERS indicate that the text in capitals did not appear in the bill's original print, but was inserted into the bill by an amendment in either House.