

1 **SSB 6648** - H AMD to H CJC COMM AMD (6648-S AMH CJC H4692.1)

2 By Representative Schindler

3 On page 1, after line 33 of the amendment, insert:

4 "(3) It is an affirmative defense to criminal mistreatment in the  
5 fourth degree, that the defendant must prove by a preponderance of the  
6 evidence, that the basic necessities of life were withheld:

7 (a) As part of a religious observance and no permanent injury or  
8 illness resulted; or

9 (b) As a disciplinary measure for a reasonable period of time and  
10 no permanent injury or illness resulted."

**EFFECT:** Adds affirmative defenses to the crime of criminal mistreatment in the fourth degree for religious observances and discipline where no permanent injury or illness resulted.