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H 4188 General Bill, By Pope, B. Newton, M.M. Smith, B.L. Cox, Brewer, Ford, Davis, Robbins, Yow and C. Mitchell

Summary: Coroners, disposition of unidentified or unclaimed remains

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-5-590, RELATING TO DISPOSITION OF REMAINS OF UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODIES BY CORONERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE UNCLAIMED REMAINS IN THE PURVIEW OF THE STATUTE, AND TO AUTHORIZE CORONERS TO RELEASE REMAINS TO FAMILY MEMBERS, RATHER THAN THE NEXT OF KIN, WHEN THE NEXT OF KIN IS CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OR OTHERWISE UNCOOPERATIVE IN CLAIMING REMAINS.

03/20/25	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 15)
03/20/25	House	Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs (House Journal-page 15)
01/28/26	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: M.M.Smith, B.L.Cox, Brewer, Ford, Davis, Robbins
02/05/26	House	Committee report: Favorable Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs (House Journal-page 4)
02/10/26	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Yow, C.Mitchell
02/10/26	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 20)
02/10/26	House	Roll call Yeas-106 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 20)
02/11/26	House	Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 13)
02/11/26	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 10)
02/11/26	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 10)