

Session 114 - (2001-2002)

H 5118 General Bill, By Quinn and Rice

Summary: Commission for the Blind, revision of

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 25, TITLE 43, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE COMMISSION, TO FURTHER SPECIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTEES TO THE COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION SHALL ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN, IN ADDITION TO A CHAIRMAN, BOTH OF WHOM SHALL SERVE ON THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION, TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH PROGRAMS FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION, TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION TO INCLUDE OPTOMETRISTS IN ITS REGISTER WITH OPHTHALMOLOGISTS, TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION TO PAY FOR EYE EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED BY OPTOMETRISTS, TO DELETE PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYING ITINERANT TEACHERS TO ASSIST IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS, TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES THAT BENEFIT ALL PERSONS WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS, TO PROVIDE THAT FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION MUST BE APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION TO CONSOLIDATE THE ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO REVISE PROCEDURES FOR PERSONS AGGRIEVED BY ACTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT; AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 43-26-10 AND 43-26-40, RELATING TO LICENSES FOR VENDING FACILITIES OPERATED BY BLIND PERSONS, SO AS TO DEFINE BLIND PERSONS AS PERSONS "VISUALLY IMPAIRED", RATHER THAN "VISUALLY HANDICAPPED" AND TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH LICENSES ARE ISSUED FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD RATHER THAN ONE YEAR AND TO DELETE PROVISIONS REQUIRING THE COMMISSION TO SECURE FOR VENDOR LICENSES OR PERMITS REQUIRED BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES.

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