

Session 112 - (1997-1998)

**S\*0287 (Rat #0006, Act #0004 of 1997) General Bill, By Senate Banking and Insurance**  
**Similar (S 0259, H 3412)**

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 38-74-90; TO AMEND SECTION 38-74-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE HEALTH INSURANCE POOL; TO AMEND SECTION 38-74-30, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY FOR POOL COVERAGE; AND SECTION 38-74-60, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO MAJOR MEDICAL EXPENSE COVERAGE, ALL SO AS TO MAKE THE POOL AN ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE MECHANISM UNDER THE FEDERAL HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996 AND TO INCREASE THE AGGREGATE BENEFIT LIMIT, DELETE THE EXCLUSION OF INDIVIDUALS DIAGNOSED AS BEING INFECTED WITH AIDS, REDUCE THE PREMIUM CAP ON CERTAIN ASSESSMENTS, ALLOW FEDERALLY DEFINED ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS TO ENTER THE POOL WITHOUT SATISFYING CURRENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, REDUCE THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT, REQUIRE FEDERALLY DEFINED ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS TO BE RESIDENTS, ENSURE THAT THE PREEXISTING CONDITION EXCLUSION IS NOT APPLIED TO FEDERALLY DEFINED ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS, REMOVE THE PROVISIONS ALLOWING EXTRA CHARGES WHERE A PREEXISTING CONDITION EXCLUSION IS WAIVED, AND ENSURE THAT FEDERALLY DEFINED ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS ARE PROVIDED A CHOICE OF COVERAGE.

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