

## Session 113 - (1999-2000)

**H\*3158 (Rat #0079, Act #0038 of 1999) General Bill, By Campsen, Altman, Bailey, Bales, Barfield, Barrett, Breeland, J. Brown, Cato, Cobb-Hunter, Delleney, Easterday, Edge, Gilham, Gourdine, Hamilton, Harrison, Hayes, J. Hines, M. Hines, Inabinett, Jennings, Kennedy, Kirsh, Knotts, Leach, Lee, Loftis, Lourie, Mack, Maddox, McMahan, Miller, Moody-Lawrence, Neilson, Ott, Rhoad, Rice, Riser, Robinson, Sandifer, Sharpe, Simrill, F. Smith, J. Smith, R. Smith, Tripp, Wilder and Wilkins**

**Summary:** Religious Freedom Act, Acts Cited By Popular Name, Courts, State Government, Political Subdivisions, Prisons

A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 1, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, BY ADDING CHAPTER 32 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ACT" UNDER WHICH THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE IS PROHIBITED FROM BURDENING A PERSON'S CONSTITUTIONAL EXERCISE OF RELIGION EXCEPT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND UNDER WHICH A PERSON WHOSE EXERCISE OF RELIGION HAS BEEN BURDENED IN VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER MAY ASSERT THAT VIOLATION AS A CLAIM OR DEFENSE IN A JUDICIAL PROCEEDING AND OBTAIN APPROPRIATE RELIEF AGAINST THE STATE OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 27, TITLE 24, RELATING TO INMATE LITIGATION, BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ACT TO THE REGULATIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.-AMENDED TITLE

01/06/99	House	Prefiled
01/06/99	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary
01/12/99	House	Introduced and read first time HJ-58
01/12/99	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary HJ-59
02/24/99	House	Committee report: Favorable Judiciary HJ-12
03/02/99	House	Debate adjourned until Tuesday, March 9, 1999 HJ-30
03/09/99	House	Debate adjourned until Wednesday, March 10, 1999 HJ-23
03/10/99	House	Requests for debate-Rep(s). Stuart, Scott, F. Smith, Howard, Pinckney, Lloyd, Neal, Easterday, Moody-Lawrence, McMahan, Lee, McGee, Campsen, J. Hines, Davenport, Leach, R. Smith, Clyburn, Mack, Loftis & Hamilton HJ-22
03/24/99	House	Amended HJ-22
03/24/99	House	Read second time HJ-24
03/24/99	House	Roll call Yeas-90 Nays-2 HJ-24
03/25/99	House	Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-29
03/30/99	Senate	Introduced and read first time SJ-7
03/30/99	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary SJ-7
04/21/99	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary SJ-13
04/22/99	Senate	Amended SJ-48
04/22/99	Senate	Read second time SJ-48
04/27/99	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments SJ-17
04/29/99	House	Senate amendment amended HJ-33
04/29/99	House	Returned to Senate with amendments HJ-33
05/04/99	Senate	Concurred in House amendment and enrolled SJ-17
05/26/99		Ratified R 79
06/01/99		Signed By Governor
06/01/99		Effective date 06/01/99
06/21/99		Copies available
06/21/99		Act No. 38