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H 3198 General Bill, By Delleney, Nanney, Simrill, G.R. Smith, G.M. Smith, Lucas, Cooper, Stringer, Owens, Bingham, Hamilton, E.H. Pitts, Rice, Hiott, Littlejohn and Millwood

Summary: Abortion

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-41-330, AS AMENDED CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PREREQUISITES FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF AN ABORTION, INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED, CERTIFICATION, WAITING PERIOD, SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR MINORS OR MENTALLY INCOMPETENT PERSONS, RETENTION OF RECORDS, AND UNAVAILABILITY OF RECORDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PHYSICIAN WHO PERFORMS AN ULTRASOUND PRIOR TO PERFORMING AN ABORTION MUST INFORM THE WOMAN OF THE PROBABLE GESTATIONAL AGE OF THE EMBRYO OR FETUS AND THAT THE WOMAN HAS THE RIGHT TO VIEW THE ULTRASOUND IMAGES; TO PROVIDE THAT UPON REQUEST THE PHYSICIAN MUST SHOW THE IMAGES TO THE WOMAN AND PROVIDE A MEDICAL EXPLANATION OF THE IMAGES, INCLUDING THE PRESENCE OF ORGANS AND EXTERNAL MEMBERS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE WOMAN MUST CERTIFY IN WRITING BEFORE THE ABORTION IS PERFORMED THAT SHE HAS BEEN INFORMED OF HER RIGHT TO VIEW THE IMAGES; TO PROVIDE THAT AN ABORTION MAY NOT BE PERFORMED SOONER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER AN ULTRASOUND IS PERFORMED; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PARENTS OF AN UNEMANCIPATED MINOR MUST MAKE THE CERTIFICATION REGARDING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE RIGHT TO VIEW ULTRASOUND IMAGES; AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS RELATING TO VIEWING ULTRASOUND IMAGES DO NOT APPLY TO A PERSON ADJUDICATED TO BE INCOMPETENT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44-41-340, RELATING TO MATERIALS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL MUST PUBLISH REGARDING ABORTIONS AND ASSISTANCE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT THE MATERIAL INCLUDE A LIST OF FACILITIES THAT PROVIDE ULTRASOUNDS FREE OF CHARGE.

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