

## Session 120 - (2013-2014)

### H 3492 General Bill, By Hiott

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#### **Summary:** Dogs and Domestic pets

A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 47, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO REGULATION BY COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES OF DOGS AND DOMESTIC PETS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF CERTAIN TERMS CONTAINED IN THIS ARTICLE AND ADD ADDITIONAL TERMS THAT RELATE TO THESE MATTERS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISION THAT STATES NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE MAY LIMIT THE POWER OF ANY MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY TO ENACT ORDINANCES PROHIBITING CERTAIN ANIMALS FROM RUNNING AT LARGE AND TO ENFORCE ADDITIONAL MEASURES FOR THE CONTROL OF RABIES AND THE ADOPTION OF ANIMAL SHELTER POLICIES IS MOVED FROM ONE SECTION TO ANOTHER SECTION, TO PROVIDE THAT PET OWNERS MUST BE GIVEN THE OPTION TO DECIDE WHO SHALL PROVIDE VETERINARY SERVICES TO THEIR PETS, TO REQUIRE AN ANIMAL SHELTER TO COUNSEL PET OWNERS TO SEEK VETERINARY SERVICES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO REQUIRE A LICENSED VETERINARIAN TO EXAMINE AN ADOPTED PET PRIOR TO RELEASE FROM AN ANIMAL SHELTER OR IN THE EVENT A LICENSED VETERINARIAN IS NOT AVAILABLE, TO REQUIRE A PET OWNER TO DOCUMENT WITH AN ANIMAL SHELTER WITHIN SEVENTY-TWO HOURS THAT A LICENSED VETERINARIAN HAS EXAMINED HIS PET, TO PROVIDE THAT ANIMAL SHELTERS MAY NOT REQUIRE SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED NOR MAY THEY PRECHARGE FOR SERVICES OR CHARGE FOR SERVICES NOT RENDERED, TO REQUIRE ANIMAL SHELTERS RECEIVING GRANT FUNDS THAT INCLUDE PUBLIC MONEY TO ASSIST WITH STERILIZATION PROCEDURES ON ANIMALS THAT ARE OWNED OR IN POSSESSION, CUSTODY, OR CONTROL OF A MUNICIPAL ANIMAL SHELTER OR NONPROFIT ANIMAL RESCUE TO USE THOSE FUNDS SOLELY FOR STERILIZATION PROCEDURES AND NO OTHER PURPOSES AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PORTION OF THE GRANT FUNDS, NOT TO EXCEED FIFTEEN PERCENT, MAY BE USED FOR IMMEDIATE OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL NEEDS OF ANIMALS, TO PROVIDE THAT BEFORE AN ADOPTED PET IS RELEASED FROM AN ANIMAL SHELTER, IT MUST BE STERILIZED BY THE ANIMAL SHELTER OR THE HUMANE SOCIETY, OR THE PET OWNER MUST DOCUMENT THAT THE PET IS SCHEDULED FOR STERILIZATION BY A LICENSED VETERINARIAN, TO PROVIDE THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, ALL ANIMAL SHELTERS AND ANIMAL SHELTER OWNERS ARE SUBJECT TO REGULATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION AND THE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS, AND PROVIDE THAT VETERINARIANS WHO PROVIDE SERVICES TO ANIMALS IN ANIMAL SHELTERS ARE REQUIRED TO KEEP CLIENT-PATIENT RECORDS, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY ANIMAL SHELTER OR RELATED CLINIC RECEIVING OR EXPENDING PUBLIC FUNDS IS SUBJECT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT; TO DEFINE THE TERM "MOBILE VETERINARY PRACTICE", TO REQUIRE A "MOBILE VETERINARY PRACTICE" TO HAVE AN AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH A LOCAL VETERINARY FACILITY WITHIN TWENTY MILES OF EACH LOCATION IN WHICH A "MOBILE VETERINARY PRACTICE" LOCATES, AND TO REQUIRE CONTACT INFORMATION OF THE AFFILIATED FACILITY BE POSTED AT THE MOBILE LOCATION AND BE GIVEN TO THE PET OWNER DOCUMENTING SERVICES RENDERED; AND TO AMEND ARTICLE 8, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 47, RELATING TO THE STERILIZATION OF DOGS AND CATS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT CONTAINS CERTAIN TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS, AND THE PROVISION THAT ALLOWS A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION TO ADOPT SHELTER POLICIES THAT ARE MORE STRINGENT THAN THE REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS ARTICLE.

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