

## Session 114 - (2001-2002)

**H 3856 General Bill, By Lourie, J.E. Smith, Snow, Sinclair, Wilder, Cobb-Hunter, Keegan, Barrett, J. Brown, Sandifer, Thompson, Rodgers, M. Hines, J.M. Neal, Hayes, D.C. Smith, Littlejohn, Dantzler, Moody-Lawrence, Whipper, Mack, Carnell, R.L. Brown, Rivers, Leach, Webb, Cato, McCraw, Taylor, Klauber, Askins, J.H. Neal, D. Owens, Limehouse, Chellis, Simrill, J.R. Smith, Altman, Harvin, Meacham-Richardson, G.A. Brown and J. Hines**

**Summary:** Cruelty to animals; Social and Adult Protective Services employees, veterinarians, etc. to report cases of; Torts

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-510, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PERSONS REQUIRED OR PERMITTED TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT, SO AS TO INCLUDE ANY OFFICER OR AGENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS OR OF ANY SOCIETY INCORPORATED FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS AND ANY ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER WITHIN THE SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 43-35-25, RELATING TO PERSONS REQUIRED TO REPORT ABUSE, NEGLECT, OR EXPLOITATION OF VULNERABLE ADULTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ANY OFFICER OR AGENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS OR OF ANY SOCIETY INCORPORATED FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS OR ANY ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER WITHIN THE SECTION; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 47, RELATING TO CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, BY ADDING SECTION 47-1-45 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES EMPLOYEES MUST REPORT KNOWN OR SUSPECTED INSTANCES OF ANIMAL CRUELTY, FIGHTING, OR BAITING, TO PROVIDE FOR IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY FOR REPORTING PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY VETERINARIAN OR OTHER PERSON MAY REPORT SUSPECTED ANIMAL CRUELTY, FIGHTING, OR BAITING AND TO PROVIDE FOR IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR REPORTING PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

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**04/10/01 House Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs HJ-29**