

## Session 113 - (1999-2000)

### H 4075 General Bill, By Sharpe, R. Smith and Altman

**Summary:** Legal insurance service contracts, right to choose attorneys; Insurance

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38-75-520, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT INSURANCE CONTRACTS FOR LEGAL SERVICES MUST PROVIDE THE RIGHT OF AN ATTORNEY OF CHOICE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF LEGAL SERVICES SHALL CONTAIN A PROVISION PROVIDING THAT THE INSURED OR BENEFICIARY UNDER THE CONTRACT HAS THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE AN ATTORNEY TO PERFORM LEGAL SERVICES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION FOR SPECIFIED LEGAL SERVICES UNDER A CLOSED PANEL PLAN ALSO MUST MAKE AVAILABLE SPECIFIED LEGAL COVERAGES UNDER A SEPARATE OPEN PANEL PLAN AND PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.

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