

## Session 113 - (1999-2000)

**H 4611 General Bill, By Leach, Barrett, Campsen, Davenport, Easterday, Hamilton, Koon, Loftis, Riser, Tripp and Vaughn**

**Summary:** Comprehensive Criminal Procedures and Death Penalty Reform Act, Courts, peremptory challenges; Murder

A BILL TO ENACT THE "COMPREHENSIVE CRIMINAL PROCEDURES AND DEATH PENALTY REFORM ACT OF 2000" INCLUDING PROVISIONS TO AMEND SECTION 14-7-1110, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES FOR DEFENDANTS AND THE STATE IN CRIMINAL CASES, SO AS TO EQUALIZE THE NUMBER OF PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES ALLOWED TO DEFENDANTS AND THE STATE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-20, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE PUNISHMENT FOR MURDER, SO AS TO INCLUDE AS SEPARATE AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES, WHICH MAY BE CONSIDERED IN THE DETERMINATION OF WHETHER THE DEATH PENALTY SHOULD BE IMPOSED, A MURDER COMMITTED IN VIOLATION OF A VALID ORDER OF PROTECTION OR VALID RESTRAINING ORDER AND A MURDER COMMITTED AGAINST A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER WHEN THE DEFENDANT HAD AT LEAST ONE PRIOR CONVICTION FOR COMMITTING CERTAIN LISTED OFFENSES AGAINST THE HOUSEHOLD MEMBER VICTIM.

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