

## Session 115 - (2003-2004)

**H 4894 General Bill, By Tripp, Cato, Vaughn, Leach, Hamilton, Kirsh, Loftis, G.R. Smith, Taylor and Walker**

**Summary:** Department of Insurance, civil enforcement unit

A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 55, TITLE 38, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO INSURANCE FRAUD AND REPORTING IMMUNITY, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A CIVIL ENFORCEMENT UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, TO CHANGE AND ADD CERTAIN DEFINITIONS, TO INCREASE PENALTIES FOR CONVICTION, TO PROVIDE CIVIL REMEDIES FOR PERSONS INJURED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CIVIL ENFORCEMENT UNIT, TO PROVIDE THAT THE UNIT SHALL RECEIVE REVENUE FROM THE FINES ASSESSED, TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE CIVIL ENFORCEMENT UNIT SHALL COOPERATE AS APPROPRIATE, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE TO ASSESS LICENSED INSURERS BASED ON PREMIUM WRITINGS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS GENERATED BY THE ASSESSMENTS.

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