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S 0756 General Bill, By J.V. Smith, Williams, Thomas, Malloy, Short, Leventis, Verdin, Elliott, O'Dell, Lourie, Alexander, Pinckney, Hutto, Sheheen and Ford *Similar (H 3832)*

Summary: Hospital Patient Protection Act, Lewis Blackman Hospital Patient Protection Act

A BILL TO ENACT THE LEWIS BLACKMAN HOSPITAL PATIENT SAFETY ACT BY ADDING ARTICLE 27, CHAPTER 7, TITLE 44, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL HOSPITAL CLINICAL STAFF AND TRAINEES TO WEAR BADGES CONTAINING CERTAIN IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY HOSPITALS TO PATIENTS PRIOR TO OR ON ADMISSION CONCERNING THE PATIENT'S HOSPITAL CARE, INCLUDING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE GENERAL ROLE OF MEDICAL STUDENTS, INTERNS, AND RESIDENT PHYSICIANS IN PATIENT CARE, THAT THE PATIENT'S ATTENDING PHYSICIAN MAY CHANGE, WHETHER ANY RESIDENT PHYSICIAN OR MEDICAL STUDENTS MAY BE PARTICIPATING IN THE PATIENT'S CARE, INCLUDING SURGERY, REQUIRING NURSES TO PLACE A CALL FOR OR TO ASSIST A PATIENT IN CALLING THEIR ATTENDING PHYSICIANS, REQUIRING HOSPITALS TO PROVIDE A MECHANISM THAT IS AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES WHEREBY PATIENTS CAN RECEIVE ASSISTANCE FOR RESOLUTION OF URGENT PATIENT CARE CONCERNS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ARTICLE DOES NOT CREATE A CIVIL CAUSE OF ACTION.

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