

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

S*0156 (Rat #0087, Act #0061 of 2025) General Bill, By Alexander, Rankin, Garrett, Stubbs, Adams, Bennett, Kimbrell, Young, Turner, Peeler and Walker

Summary: Fentanyl Induced Homicide

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-80 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS, TO PROHIBIT AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE, AND TO PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH PERSONS SHALL NOT BE PROSECUTED UNDER THIS SECTION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-10, RELATING TO A LIST OF EXCEPTIONS FOR FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS, SO AS TO ADD FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE. - RATIFIED TITLE

01/14/25	Senate	Introduced and read first time
01/14/25	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary
01/14/25	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 101)
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02/07/25	Senate	Referred to Subcommittee: Adams (ch), Tedder, Fernandez, Kennedy, Sutton
02/19/25	Senate	Committee report: Favorable Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 11)
02/25/25	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 20)
02/25/25	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 20)
02/25/25	Senate	Roll call Ayes-43 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 20)
02/26/25	Senate	Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 20)
03/04/25	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 12)
03/04/25	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 12)
03/05/25		Scrivener's error corrected
03/26/25	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (House Journal-page 3)
03/27/25	House	Requests for debate-Rep(s). B Newton, Guest, Weeks, Jordan, Spann-Wilder, Garvin, Hosey, Williams, Martin, King (House Journal-page 31)
04/09/25	House	Amended (House Journal-page 69)
04/09/25	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 69)
04/09/25	House	Roll call Yeas-96 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 69)
04/10/25	House	Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments (House Journal-page 45)
04/29/25	Senate	Non-concurrence in House amendment
04/29/25	Senate	Roll call Ayes-1 Nays-40
04/30/25	House	House insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Reps. JE Johnson, Robbins, Rose (House Journal-page 2)
04/30/25	Senate	Conference committee appointed Hembree, Sabb, Adams (Senate Journal-page 17)
05/08/25	House	Free conference powers granted (House Journal-page 121)
05/08/25	House	Roll call Yeas-101 Nays-7 (House Journal-page 121)
05/08/25	House	Free conference committee appointed JE Johnson, Robbins, Rose
05/08/25	House	Free conference report adopted (House Journal-page 124)
05/08/25	House	Roll call Yeas-92 Nays-14 (House Journal-page 127)
05/08/25	Senate	Free conference powers granted (Senate Journal-page 55)
05/08/25	Senate	Free conference committee appointed Hembree, Sabb, Adams (Senate Journal-page 55)
05/08/25	Senate	Free conference report adopted (Senate Journal-page 55)
05/08/25	Senate	Ordered enrolled for ratification (Senate Journal-page 59)
05/20/25		Ratified R 87
05/22/25		Signed By Governor
05/27/25		Effective date 05/22/25
05/27/25		Act No. 61