

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

S 1008 General Bill, By Verdin, Gambrell, Bennett and Blackmon

Summary: Negligent Security

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 27, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS RELATED TO NEGLIGENT SECURITY; TO PROVIDE THAT AN OWNER OR OCCUPIER SHALL BE HELD LIABLE FOR NEGLIGENT SECURITY ARISING FROM ANY INJURY SUSTAINED BY A PERSON UPON THE OWNER OR OCCUPIER'S PREMISES IF THE PLAINTIFF PROVES THE INJURY WAS FORESEEABLE AND OTHER FACTS; TO PROVIDE SITUATIONS IN WHICH AN OWNER OR OCCUPIER SHALL BE HELD LIABLE FOR NEGLIGENT SECURITY SUSTAINED BY ANY PERSON UPON THE PREMISES BY A THIRD PERSON; TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT NO OWNER OR OCCUPIER IS REQUIRED TO EXERCISE EXTRAORDINARY CARE TO KEEP PEOPLE ON THE PREMISES SAFE FROM THEIR WRONGFUL CONDUCT; TO PROVIDE STANDARDS OF NEGLIGENT SECURITY FOR SECURITY CONTRACTORS; TO OUTLINE PROVISIONS FOR TRIAL, LIABILITY, AND RELIEF FOR SUITS ARISING FROM NEGLIGENT SECURITY CLAIMS; AND TO LIMIT REMEDIES FOR NEGLIGENT SECURITY AGAINST OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS TO THE PROVISIONS IN THIS ACT.

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