

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

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)
01/14/25 Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 101)
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