

Session 114 - (2001-2002)

S 0206 General Bill, By Fair

Summary: Covenant Marriage Act, Domestic Relations, Divorce, tests for communicable diseases, Medical; license applications

A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 20, CHAPTER 1, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO MARRIAGE BY ADDING ARTICLE 4, SO AS TO ENACT THE SOUTH CAROLINA COVENANT MARRIAGE ACT BY AUTHORIZING COUPLES TO ENTER INTO COVENANT MARRIAGES AND PROVIDING FOR COVENANT MARRIAGE DECLARATIONS ON MARRIAGE LICENSES, PROVIDING PREREQUISITES TO ENTERING INTO A COVENANT MARRIAGE, INCLUDING COUNSELING, AND AUTHORIZING A COVENANT MARRIAGE DECLARATION BY THOSE ALREADY MARRIED; TO AMEND SECTION 20-1-220, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION, ISSUANCE, AND FILING OF MARRIAGE LICENSES, SO AS TO APPLY THESE PROCEDURES TO LICENSES FOR COVENANT MARRIAGES AND TO REQUIRE A THIRTY-DAY WAITING PERIOD BEFORE ISSUANCE OF A COVENANT MARRIAGE LICENSE; TO ADD SECTION 20-1-225 SO AS TO REQUIRE COVENANT MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICANTS TO PRESENT CERTIFICATES STATING THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN A STANDARD SEROLOGIC TEST FOR SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES, TO REQUIRE THE CERTIFICATE TO BE FILED WITH THE PROBATE COURT, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; TO AMEND SECTION 20-1-230, AS AMENDED, AND SECTIONS 20-1-310 AND 20-1-340, ALL RELATING TO THE APPLICATION, ISSUANCE, AND FILING OF MARRIAGE LICENSES, SO AS TO APPLY THESE PROCEDURES TO LICENSES FOR COVENANT MARRIAGES AND TO REQUIRE A THIRTY-DAY WAITING PERIOD BEFORE ISSUANCE OF A COVENANT MARRIAGE LICENSE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 20-3-10 RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IN A COVENANT MARRIAGE, THE GROUND FOR DIVORCE OF CONTINUOUS SEPARATION IS FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST TWO YEARS.

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