

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

S*0235 (Rat #0222, Act #0192 of 2026) General Bill, By Kimbrell, Leber and Zell

Summary: Prostitution

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-90, RELATING TO PROSTITUTION, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "PROSTITUTION," REVISE THE STATUTE AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO PROSECUTION FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND VICTIMS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-100, RELATING TO FURTHER ACTS OF PROSTITUTION, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, REVISE THE STATUTE REGARDING PROMOTING PROSTITUTION, INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO PROSECUTION TO PERSONS COERCED AS RESULT OF BEING A VICTIM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-110, RELATING TO SOLICITATION OF PROSTITUTION OFFENSES, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "PROSTITUTION," AND INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-115 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED OF A PROSTITUTION OFFENSE MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR EXPUNGEMENT OF THE ARREST RECORD. - RATIFIED TITLE

01/16/25	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 6)
01/16/25	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 6)
02/21/25	Senate	Referred to Subcommittee: Adams (ch), Kimbrell, Devine, Blackmon, Kennedy, Leber, Walker
03/03/25		Scrivener's error corrected
03/12/25	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary
03/17/25		Scrivener's error corrected
03/25/25	Senate	Committee Amendment Tabled (Senate Journal-page 16)
03/25/25	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 16)
03/25/25	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 16)
03/25/25	Senate	Roll call Ayes-40 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 16)
03/27/25	Senate	Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 11)
03/28/25		Scrivener's error corrected
04/02/25	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 11)
04/02/25	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 11)
05/06/26	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (House Journal-page 15)
05/07/26		Scrivener's error corrected
05/12/26	House	Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 86)
05/13/26	House	Amended (House Journal-page 236)
05/13/26	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 236)
05/13/26	House	Roll call Yeas-107 Nays-1 (House Journal-page 243)
05/14/26	House	Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments (House Journal-page 10)
05/14/26		Scrivener's error corrected
05/14/26	Senate	Concurred in House amendment and enrolled (Senate Journal-page 91)
05/15/26		Ratified R 222
05/18/26		Signed By Governor
06/05/26		Effective date 05/18/26
06/02/26		Act No. 192