

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

H 3046 General Bill, By T. Moore, Lawson, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, W. Newton, Vaughan, C. Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Burns, Edgerton, Guffey, Govan, Wickensimer, Caskey, Forrest, Yow, Cromer, Gilreath, Schuessler, B. Newton, Hixon, Gagnon, Calhoon, M.M. Smith, Davis, Taylor, Erickson and Bradley
Similar (S 0029, H 3043)

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS, SO AS TO REVISE DEFINITIONS AND ADD THE TERMS "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR" AND "MORPHED IMAGE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR; SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY POSSIBLE TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND INCLUDE TIER I AND TIER II DESIGNATIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE OR FEDERAL CONVICTIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-342, RELATING TO CRIMINAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR, BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-387, RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC IN A STATE OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT NUDITY, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-48-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR ACT, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

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| 12/05/24 | House | Prefiled |
| 12/05/24 | House | Referred to Committee on Judiciary |
| 01/14/25 | House | Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 78) |
| 01/14/25 | House | Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 78) |
| 01/16/25 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Vaughan |
| 01/28/25 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: C.Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Burns, Edgerton |
| 02/18/25 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Guffey |
| 02/26/25 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Govan, Wickensimer |
| 02/26/25 | House | Committee report: Favorable Judiciary (House Journal-page 77) |
| 02/27/25 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Caskey |
| 02/27/25 | | Scrivener's error corrected |
| 03/04/25 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Forrest |
| 03/04/25 | House | Debate adjourned until Wed., 3-5-25 (House Journal-page 26) |
| 03/04/25 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Yow, Cromer, Gilreath |
| 03/05/25 | House | Debate adjourned until Thur., 3-6-25 (House Journal-page 23) |
| 03/05/25 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Schuessler |
| 03/06/25 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: B.Newton, Hixon |
| 03/06/25 | House | Debate adjourned until Tue., 3-11-25 (House Journal-page 21) |
| 03/06/25 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Gagnon |
| 03/11/25 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Calhoon |
| 03/25/25 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: M.M.Smith, Davis |
| 03/25/25 | House | Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 49) |
| 03/26/25 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Taylor |
| 03/26/25 | House | Requests for debate-Rep(s). B Newton, Forrest, BL Cox, Martin, Ligon, Taylor, Whitmire, Yow, Hager (House Journal-page 16) |
| 03/26/25 | House | Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 44) |
| 03/27/25 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Gilliard, Anderson, Rivers |
| 03/27/25 | House | Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 32) |
| 04/01/25 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Erickson, Bradley |
| 04/01/25 | House | Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Rivers, Anderson, Gilliard |
| 04/01/25 | House | Read second time (House Journal-page 31) |

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| 04/01/25 | House | Roll call Yeas-96 Nays-19 (House Journal-page 31) |
| 04/02/25 | House | Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 82) |
| 04/10/25 | Senate | Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 2) |
| 04/10/25 | Senate | Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 2) |