

## Session 126 - (2025-2026)

### H 3047 General Bill, By Moss, Haddon and Bauer

**Summary:** Litter, balloons

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-705 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY RELEASING, ORGANIZING THE RELEASE OF, OR INTENTIONALLY CAUSING THE RELEASE OF BALLOONS INFLATED WITH GAS THAT IS LIGHTER THAN AIR, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-700, RELATING TO THE DUMPING OF LITTER ON PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY, EXCEPTIONS, AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO INCLUDE BALLOONS IN THE LITTER STATUTE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-710, RELATING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF A CASH BOND IN LIEU OF AN IMMEDIATE COURT APPEARANCE IN LITTER CONTROL PROSECUTIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE A VIOLATION OF THE BALLOON STATUTE WHEN A CASH BOND IS ALLOWED.

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12/05/24	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary
01/14/25	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 79)
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03/03/26	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Haddon
04/15/26	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (House Journal-page 39)
04/22/26	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bauer
04/22/26	House	Amended (House Journal-page 22)
04/22/26	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 22)
04/22/26	House	Roll call Yeas-92 Nays-17 (House Journal-page 25)
04/23/26	House	Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 16)
04/28/26	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 8)
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