

## Session 126 - (2025-2026)

### H 3305 General Bill, By W. Newton

#### *Similar (S 0043)*

#### **Summary:** SC Public Expression Protection Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 15 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC EXPRESSION PROTECTION ACT," REGARDING A CAUSE OF ACTION ASSERTED IN A CIVIL ACTION BASED UPON A PERSON'S COMMUNICATION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS.

<b>12/05/24</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Prefiled</b>
<b>12/05/24</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Judiciary</b>
<b>01/14/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 160)</b>
<b>01/14/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 160)</b>
<b>03/20/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (House Journal-page 7)</b>
<b>03/25/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Amended (House Journal-page 52)</b>
<b>03/25/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read second time (House Journal-page 52)</b>
<b>03/25/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Roll call Yeas-112 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 54)</b>
<b>03/26/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 15)</b>
<b>03/26/25</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 8)</b>
<b>03/26/25</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 8)</b>
<b>04/29/25</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 15)</b>
<b>05/01/25</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 58)</b>
<b>05/01/25</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read second time (Senate Journal-page 58)</b>