

## Session 119 - (2011-2012)

### H\*3750 (Rat #0145, Act #0128 of 2012) General Bill, By Viers and Vick

#### Summary: Autopsy

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 17-5-530, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO A CORONER'S DUTIES WHEN A PERSON DIES, INCLUDING WHERE AND BY WHOM AN AUTOPSY MAY BE PERFORMED IF A PERSON DIES IN A HEALTH CARE FACILITY WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF ENTERING THE FACILITY OR WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF UNDERGOING AN INVASIVE SURGICAL PROCEDURE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT UNLESS THE CORONER CERTIFIES THAT THERE IS NO REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE, THE AUTOPSY MUST NOT BE PERFORMED AT THE HEALTH CARE FACILITY WHERE THE DEATH OCCURRED OR BY A PHYSICIAN WHO TREATED THE PATIENT OR WHO WAS EMPLOYED BY THE HEALTH CARE FACILITY WHERE THE DEATH OCCURRED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 43-35-520, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO INVESTIGATIONS OF DEATHS IN FACILITIES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH OR THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE CORONER RULES A DEATH RESULTED FROM NATURAL CAUSES IN A VETERANS' NURSING HOME UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION IS NOT REQUIRED TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION OF THE DEATH. - ratified title

02/24/11 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 11)  
02/24/11 House Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs (House Journal-page 12)  
04/26/11 House Committee report: Favorable Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs (House Journal-page 69)  
04/27/11 House Read second time (House Journal-page 57)  
04/27/11 House Roll call Yeas-112 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 57)  
04/28/11 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 14)  
05/12/11 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 7)  
05/12/11 Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 7)  
01/09/12 Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Knotts (ch), Massey, Coleman  
02/01/12 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 23)  
02/08/12 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 15)  
02/08/12 Senate Amended (Senate Journal-page 15)  
02/08/12 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal-page 15)  
02/08/12 Senate Roll call Ayes-37 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 15)  
02/09/12 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 10)  
02/22/12 House Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled (House Journal-page 175)  
02/22/12 House Roll call Yeas-104 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 175)  
03/07/12 Ratified R 145  
03/13/12 Signed By Governor  
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