

## Session 117 - (2007-2008)

### H 3857 General Bill, By Jennings

#### Summary: Bench Warrants

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 17-15-90 SO AS TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR IN COURT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN THE PERSON HAS BEEN RELEASED ON BOND; TO AMEND SECTION 38-53-50, RELATING TO SURETY RELIEVED ON BOND AND SURRENDER OF A DEFENDANT, SO AS TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES WHEN A BENCH WARRANT MAY BE ISSUED FOR ARREST OF A DEFENDANT AND TO PROVIDE THAT NONPAYMENT OF FEES ALONE DOES NOT WARRANT IMMEDIATE INCARCERATION OF THE DEFENDANT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38-53-70, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF A BENCH WARRANT AND THE REMISSION OF JUDGMENT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PERIOD OF TIME BEFORE THE BOND IS FORFEITED FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR FROM THIRTY TO NINETY DAYS FROM THE ISSUANCE OF THE BENCH WARRANT AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE BENCH WARRANT MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP BY THE SURETY WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF ISSUANCE.

04/11/07	House	Introduced and read first time HJ-12
04/11/07	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary HJ-12
05/23/07	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary HJ-37
05/24/07	House	Amended HJ-38
05/24/07	House	Read second time HJ-41
05/24/07	House	Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day HJ-41
05/24/07		Scrivener's error corrected
05/25/07	House	Read third time and sent to Senate
05/29/07	Senate	Introduced and read first time SJ-10
05/29/07	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary SJ-10
06/01/07	Senate	Referred to Subcommittee: Hutto (ch), Jackson, Knotts, Bryant
04/02/08	Senate	Committee report: Favorable Judiciary SJ-9
04/09/08	Senate	Amended SJ-93
04/09/08	Senate	Read second time SJ-93
04/10/08	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments SJ-27
04/17/08	House	Non-concurrence in Senate amendment HJ-82
06/03/08	Senate	Senate insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Knotts, Hutto, and Bryant SJ-17
06/04/08	House	Conference committee appointed Reps. GM Smith, Herbkersman, and Rutherford HJ-1