

Session 113 - (1999-2000)

H 4097 General Bill, By J.H. Neal

Summary: Racial Justice Act, Courts, Crimes and Offenses, Discrimination

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 25, TITLE 17, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO JUDGMENT AND EXECUTION AGAINST PERSONS CONVICTED OF CRIME, BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA RACIAL JUSTICE ACT" WHICH PROHIBITS THE EXECUTION OF THE DEATH SENTENCE FOR ANY PERSON IF THE SENTENCE WAS IMPOSED BASED ON RACE; TO PROVIDE FOR ESTABLISHING AN INFERENCE THAT RACE WAS THE BASIS OF A DEATH SENTENCE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REBUTTAL OF AN INFERENCE BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE RETROACTIVE APPLICATION OF THIS ACT.

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