

## Session 126 - (2025-2026)

### **H 4544 General Bill, By Jordan, W. Newton, M.M. Smith, B.L. Cox and Davis**

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 15-32-220, RELATING TO NONECONOMIC DAMAGES LIMIT AND EXCEPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR INTENT TO HARM, FELONY CONVICTIONS, AND INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 15-78-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE TORT CLAIMS ACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE MEANING OF "OCCURRENCE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 15-78-120, RELATING TO LIMITATION ON LIABILITY, SO AS TO PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE LIMITATIONS MUST BE INCREASED OR DECREASED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 33-56-180, RELATING TO LIMITED LIABILITY OF CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

<b>05/08/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 45)</b>
<b>05/08/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 45)</b>
<b>03/03/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: M.M.Smith, B.L.Cox, Davis</b>
<b>03/24/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (House Journal-page 16)</b>
<b>03/25/26</b>		<b>Scrivener's error corrected</b>
<b>03/25/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Amended (House Journal-page 40)</b>
<b>03/25/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read second time (House Journal-page 40)</b>
<b>03/25/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Roll call Yeas-116 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 44)</b>
<b>03/26/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 33)</b>
<b>03/26/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 11)</b>
<b>03/26/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 11)</b>
<b>04/22/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Recalled from Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 3)</b>
<b>05/12/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read second time (Senate Journal-page 41)</b>