

**Session 126 - (2025-2026)**

**H 4763 General Bill, By Oremus, Brittain, W. Newton, Bailey, Bradley, Brewer, Caskey, Crawford, Duncan, Erickson, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hardee, Hartnett, Hartz, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, J.E. Johnson, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Martin, McCravy, C. Mitchell, B. Newton, Pedalino, Pope, Robbins, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G.M. Smith, M.M. Smith, Taylor, Teeple, Vaughan, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten, Yow, Terrible, White, Lastinger, Wickensimer, Atkinson, Chapman, Gibson, Cromer and Gilreath**

**Similar (S 0175, H 3535)**

**Summary:** Helping Alleviate Lawful Obstruction (HALO) Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "HELPING ALLEVIATE LAWFUL OBSTRUCTION (HALO) ACT"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-1092 SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERMS "EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE PROVIDER", "FIRST RESPONDER", AND "HARASS", TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON TO APPROACH, IMPEDE, CAUSE HARM TO, OR HARASS A FIRST RESPONDER OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE PROVIDER AFTER RECEIVING A VERBAL WARNING, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY.

- 12/16/25 House Prefiled**
- 12/16/25 House Referred to Committee on Judiciary**
- 01/13/26 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 107)**
- 01/13/26 House Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 107)**
- 01/20/26 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: White**
- 02/24/26 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Lastinger**
- 02/25/26 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Wickensimer**
- 02/25/26 House Committee report: Favorable Judiciary (House Journal-page 3)**
- 02/25/26 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Atkinson, Chapman**
- 02/26/26 Scrivener's error corrected**
- 03/03/26 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Gibson**
- 03/03/26 House Requests for debate-Rep(s). B. Newton, Hewitt, Harris, Martin, T. Moore, Lawson, Duncan, King, Luck, Hosey, Caskey, and Guest (House Journal-page 35)**
- 03/04/26 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Cromer, Gilreath**
- 03/04/26 House Amended (House Journal-page 55)**
- 03/04/26 House Read second time (House Journal-page 55)**
- 03/04/26 House Roll call Yeas-95 Nays-18 (House Journal-page 69)**
- 03/05/26 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 12)**
- 03/10/26 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 13)**
- 03/10/26 Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 13)**
- 03/11/26 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 13)**
- 03/26/26 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 21)**
- 03/26/26 Senate Amended (Senate Journal-page 21)**
- 03/26/26 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal-page 21)**
- 03/26/26 Senate Roll call Ayes-34 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 21)**
- 05/14/26 Senate Amended (Senate Journal-page 96)**
- 05/14/26 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 96)**
- 05/14/26 Senate Roll call Ayes-44 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 96)**
- 05/14/26 House Non-concurrence in Senate amendment (House Journal-page 87)**
- 05/14/26 House Roll call Yeas-13 Nays-91 (House Journal-page 88)**
- 05/14/26 House House insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Reps. Brittain, W Newton, Bernstein (House Journal-page 111)**
- 05/14/26 Senate Conference committee appointed Adams, Kimbrell, Walker (Senate Journal-page 99)**
- 06/25/26 House Free conference powers rejected**
- 06/25/26 House Roll call Yeas-82 Nays-16**
- 06/25/26 Senate Free conference powers rejected**
- 06/25/26 Senate Free conference powers granted (Senate Journal-page 108)**
- 06/25/26 Senate Free conference committee appointed Adams, Kimbrell, Walker (Senate Journal-page 108)**
- 06/25/26 Senate Free conference report received and adopted (Senate Journal-page 113)**
- 06/25/26 Senate Roll call Ayes-33 Nays-6 (Senate Journal-page 113)**