

## Session 113 - (1999-2000)

### H 4788 General Bill, By Simrill

**Summary:** Pyramid Clubs prohibited, Unfair trade practices; Businesses and Corporations, Consumer Affairs, Crimes and Offenses

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 16-19-190 SO AS TO DEFINE AND PROHIBIT PYRAMID CLUBS, TO PROVIDE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR ESTABLISHING, OPERATING, PARTICIPATING IN, OR PROMOTING A PYRAMID CLUB; AND TO AMEND SECTION 39-5-30, RELATING TO A PYRAMID CLUB BEING DECLARED AN UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICE, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE THAT, IN ADDITION TO CIVIL PENALTIES AND COSTS, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY RECOVER THE FEES OR DUES A PERSON RECEIVES FOR ESTABLISHING, OPERATING, PARTICIPATING IN, OR PROMOTING A PYRAMID CLUB, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FEES OR DUES TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND THE PROSECUTING AGENCY INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION, AND TO THE STATE.

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