

## Session 126 - (2025-2026)

**H 4804 General Bill, By T. Moore, Pope, White, Cromer, Edgerton, Burns, Beach, Morgan, Terrible, Pace, Kilmartin, Gilreath, Magnuson, Frank, McCravy, Hartz, D. Mitchell, Haddon, Willis, Vaughan, Pedalino, Chumley, Govan, Wickensimer, Lastinger, C. Mitchell, Yow, Guffey, Bowers, Ligon, Chapman, B. Newton, W. Newton, Forrest, Oremus and Gibson**

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM PENALTY TO FIVE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM PENALTY TO THREE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES BASED ON THE NUMBER OF IMAGES POSSESSED, INCLUDING A PENALTY OF UP TO TEN YEARS IF THERE ARE ONE TO TWENTY-FIVE IMAGES, ONE TO TEN YEARS IF THERE ARE TWENTY-SIX TO TWO HUNDRED FIFTY IMAGES, AND A PENALTY OF TWO TO TEN YEARS IF THERE ARE MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED FIFTY IMAGES; AND TO ESTABLISH THAT A PERSON WHO IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER AND VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, UPON CONVICTION, MUST SERVE A MINIMUM OF FIVE YEARS

<b>12/16/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Prefiled</b>
<b>12/16/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Judiciary</b>
<b>01/13/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 95)</b>
<b>01/13/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 95)</b>
<b>01/20/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: White</b>
<b>01/28/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Cromer, Edgerton, Burns, Beach, Morgan, Terrible, Pace, Kilmartin, Gilreath, Magnuson, Frank, McCravy, Hartz, D.Mitchell, Haddon, Willis, Wickensimer, Vaughan, Pedalino, Chumley</b>
<b>02/05/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Govan</b>
<b>03/25/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Lastinger, C.Mitchell, Yow, Guffey</b>
<b>03/26/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (House Journal-page 4)</b>
<b>03/31/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bowers, Ligon, Chapman, B.Newton, W.Newton, Forrest, Oremus, Gibson</b>
<b>03/31/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Amended (House Journal-page 259)</b>
<b>03/31/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read second time (House Journal-page 259)</b>
<b>03/31/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Roll call Yeas-109 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 262)</b>
<b>04/01/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 17)</b>
<b>04/01/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 19)</b>
<b>04/01/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 19)</b>