

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

H 5320 General Bill, By Jones

Summary: Animal Care

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 17 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 47 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, TO REQUIRE A PERSON OR ENTITY ENGAGED IN THE BREEDING AND SALE OF DOGS FOR PROFIT TO REGISTER WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA SECRETARY OF STATE, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OPERATION OF DOG BREEDING FOR PROFIT, TO REQUIRE AN ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANIZATION TO REGISTER WITH THE COUNTY IN WHICH IT OPERATES AND TO OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATION, DEFINE "NUISANCE BARKING" AND PROVIDE PENALTIES, REQUIRE DOG IDENTIFICATION METHODS, REQUIRE PROOF OF OWNERSHIP TO RELEASE AN IMPOUNDED DOG OR CAT TO ITS OWNER; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER.

03/04/26 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 87)

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03/16/26 Scrivener's error corrected