

## Session 118 - (2009-2010)

### **S 0629 General Bill, By Reese, Lourie and S. Martin**

#### **Summary:** Patient MRSA Infection Protection Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 29, CHAPTER 7, TITLE 44 SO AS TO ENACT THE "PATIENT MRSA INFECTION PROTECTION ACT" BY REQUIRING HOSPITALS TO TEST PATIENTS FOR MRSA (METHICILLIN-RESISTANT STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS) UPON ADMISSION TO AND IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO DISCHARGE FROM A HOSPITAL, TO REQUIRE MORE FREQUENT TESTING OF HIGH RISK PATIENTS WHO ARE HOSPITALIZED FOR MORE THAN SEVEN DAYS, TO REQUIRE THE TEST RESULTS TO BE GIVEN TO THE PATIENT AS SOON AS PRACTICALLY POSSIBLE, TO REQUIRE ISOLATION OF A MRSA-INFECTED PATIENT IF POSSIBLE, AND TO REQUIRE THAT INSTRUCTION ON AFTERCARE AND PREVENTION PRECAUTIONS BE PROVIDED TO A MRSA-INFECTED PATIENT PRIOR TO DISCHARGE.

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