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S 1117 General Bill, By Bryan, H.U. Fielding, D.L. Hinds, C.T. Hinson, Peeler and M.T. Rose

A Bill to amend Section 44-17-410, as amended, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to emergency commitment procedures for mental illness, so as to provide that if a person who is committed is found not to be mentally ill but chemically dependent and if procedures for emergency admission for chemical dependence have been initiated, then the person must not be discharged but must be transferred to an appropriate facility; to amend Sections 44-17-430, 44-17-440, and 44-17-530, relating to taking into custody and transporting persons for the purpose of emergency commitment and examination for mental illness, so as to change references from "officer of the peace" to "state of local law enforcement officer"; to amend Section 44-17-870, relating to taking custody of a person involuntarily committed to a facility who is absent without authorization, so as to delete obsolete provisions; to amend Section 44-52-60, as amended, relating to emergency commitment procedures for chemical dependency, so as to provide that if a person who is committed is found not to be chemically dependent but mentally ill and if procedures for emergency admission for mental illness have been initiated then the petition must be dismissed, and in compliance with the appropriate commitment procedures, the person must be detained and must be transferred to an appropriate facility.

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