

Session 108 - (1989-1990)

S*1475 (Rat #0528, Act #0445 of 1990) General Bill, By Senate Labor, Commerce and Industry

A Bill to amend Section 31-21-100, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the powers of the State Human Affairs Commission to administer the provisions of the South Carolina Fair Housing Law, so as to provide that an agreement with the Department of Housing and Urban Development may include provisions under which the Department shall refrain from processing a charge in any class specified in the agreement; to amend Section 31-21-120, relating to the processing and handling of complaints under the Fair Housing Law, so as to provide that complainants referred to the Commission by the Department may not be referred by the Commission to a local agency and delete a provision concerning when the Commission is unable to obtain voluntary compliance with the Fair Housing Law; and to amend Section 31-21-130, relating to the investigator's report and recommendation upon completion of his investigation and the procedure following the submission of this report, so as to change the time period in which an action may be brought against the respondent if the order is for dismissal, provide that if an election is made for a civil action the Commissioner of the State Human Affairs Commission shall, within thirty days from the date of election, commence a civil action on behalf of the aggrieved person, and require that if the panel finds that the respondent has engaged in an unlawful discriminatory practice it shall state its findings of fact and serve the complainant in addition to the respondent an opinion and order for appropriate relief; and to amend Section 31-21-140, relating to the time within which a civil action must be commenced under the provisions of the Fair Housing Law, so as to delete the requirement that the court shall continue a civil case brought pursuant to the provisions of Section 31-21-120 if the court believes that the conciliation efforts are likely to result in a satisfactory settlement of the discriminatory housing practices complained of in the complaint and provide that a civil action may be commenced by an aggrieved person whether or not a complaint has been filed with the Commission.

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