

## Session 121 - (2015-2016)

### **S 0025 General Bill, By Grooms, Bryant and Verdin**

***Similar (S 0028, S 0130, H 3114)***

**Summary:** S.C. Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT", TO PROVIDE FINDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE THAT A PHYSICIAN SHALL CALCULATE THE PROBABLE POST-FERTILIZATION AGE OF AN UNBORN CHILD BEFORE PERFORMING OR INDUCING AN ABORTION, TO PROVIDE THAT AN ABORTION MAY NOT BE PERFORMED IF THE PROBABLE POST-FERTILIZATION AGE OF THE UNBORN CHILD IS TWENTY OR MORE WEEKS WITH LIMITED EXCEPTIONS, TO REQUIRE PHYSICIANS TO FILE REPORTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL AFTER PERFORMING AN ABORTION AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR THE FAILURE TO REPORT, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS ADDRESSING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND ANNUALLY TO ISSUE A PUBLIC REPORT PROVIDING A STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF ABORTION DATA REPORTED BY PHYSICIANS, TO ESTABLISH CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR PHYSICIANS FAILING TO MAKE A DETERMINATION OF A PROBABLE POST-FERTILIZATION AGE OF AN UNBORN CHILD BEFORE PERFORMING OR INDUCING AN ABORTION, TO CREATE A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR CERTAIN WOMEN UPON WHOM ABORTIONS ARE PERFORMED AND CERTAIN FATHERS OF ABORTED UNBORN CHILDREN AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE RIGHT TO SEEK INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, AND TO PROVIDE THE ACT DOES NOT IMPLICITLY OR OTHERWISE REPEAL ANOTHER PROVISION OF LAW.

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