

**Session 124 - (2021-2022)**

**H\*3105 (Rat #0155, Act #0141 of 2022) General Bill, By Yow, Burns, Chumley, Magnuson, McCravy, Wooten, Fry, B. Cox, May, Haddon, Long, Gilliam, Forrest, Nutt, Trantham, Oremus, McGarry, Bennett, Jones, Thayer, Hiott, Willis, Huggins, Hixon, McCabe, Dabney, B. Newton, Bryant, Elliott, M.M. Smith, Pope, D.C. Moss, Ballentine, Lucas, Crawford, Erickson, Bradley, T. Moore, Wheeler, Herbkersman, W. Newton, Martin, Taylor and Davis**

**Summary:** SC Religious Freedom Act

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 33 TO TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE EXERCISE OF RELIGION DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE THAT RELIGIOUS SERVICES ARE DEEMED AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY THAT MUST BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE OPERATING, TO ALLOW A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION TO ASSERT A VIOLATION OF THESE PROVISIONS AS A CLAIM OR DEFENSE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS CHAPTER APPLIES TO ALL STATE AND LOCAL LAWS AND ORDINANCES REGARDLESS OF WHEN ADOPTED OR IMPLEMENTED. - ratified title

- 12/09/20 House Prefiled**
- 12/09/20 House Referred to Committee on Judiciary**
- 01/12/21 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 74)**
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- 01/13/21 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Nutt, Trantham, Oremus, McGarry**
- 01/14/21 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bennett**
- 01/26/21 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Jones**
- 02/02/21 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Thayer**
- 02/04/21 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hiott, Willis**
- 02/09/21 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Huggins**
- 02/10/21 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hixon**
- 02/16/21 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: McCabe, Dabney**
- 02/17/21 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: B.Newton**
- 02/18/21 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bryant, Elliott**
- 02/23/21 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: M.M.Smith**
- 02/24/21 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Pope, D.C.Moss, Ballentine**
- 02/24/21 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (House Journal-page 4)**
- 02/25/21 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Lucas, Crawford, Erickson, Bradley**
- 02/25/21 House Requests for debate-Rep(s). Hiott, McGravy, DC Moss, Bryant, Carter (House Journal-page 18)**
- 03/02/21 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: T.Moore**
- 03/03/21 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Wheeler, Herbkersman, W.Newton**
- 03/04/21 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Martin**
- 03/09/21 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Taylor**
- 03/11/21 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Davis**
- 03/11/21 House Amended (House Journal-page 35)**
- 03/11/21 House Read second time (House Journal-page 35)**
- 03/11/21 House Roll call Yeas-73 Nays-39 (House Journal-page 42)**
- 03/17/21 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 31)**
- 03/17/21 House Roll call Yeas-83 Nays-22 (House Journal-page 31)**
- 03/17/21 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 6)**
- 03/17/21 Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 6)**
- 02/10/22 Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Garrett (ch), Kimpson, Loftis, Gustafson, Stephens**
- 03/30/22 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 14)**
- 03/31/22 Scrivener's error corrected**
- 04/06/22 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 98)**
- 04/06/22 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal-page 98)**
- 04/06/22 Senate Roll call Ayes-39 Nays-2 (Senate Journal-page 98)**
- 04/07/22 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 47)**
- 04/20/22 House Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled (House Journal-page 21)**
- 04/20/22 House Roll call Yeas-102 Nays-9 (House Journal-page 22)**

**04/21/22**            **Ratified R 155**  
**04/25/22**            **Signed By Governor**  
**05/02/22**            **Effective date 04/25/22**  
**05/02/22**            **Act No. 141**