

## 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)
01/12/21	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 74)
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**