

## Session 114 - (2001-2002)

### **S 0312 General Bill, By Verdin, Grooms, Fair, Thomas, Hawkins and Ryberg**

#### ***Similar (H 3693)***

**Summary:** Unborn Victims Act of 2001, unborn child defined person for civil, criminal offenses; Minors, Medical, Abortion, Crimes

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 5, TITLE 15, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CIVIL REMEDIES AND PROCEDURES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-5-5 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT FOR PURPOSES OF A CIVIL CAUSE OF ACTION "PERSON" INCLUDES AN UNBORN CHILD AT EVERY STAGE OF GESTATION IN UTERO FROM CONCEPTION UNTIL LIVE BIRTH; TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST A PERSON, BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-90 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT FOR PURPOSES OF ALL OFFENSES ARISING OUT OF THE UNLAWFUL KILLING OR BATTERY OF ANY PERSON, THE TERM "PERSON" INCLUDES AN UNBORN CHILD AT EVERY STAGE OF GESTATION IN UTERO FROM CONCEPTION UNTIL LIVE BIRTH, AND TO PROVIDE FOR EXCLUSIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 50-21-10, RELATING TO EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION OF WATERCRAFT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT FOR PURPOSES OF ALL OFFENSES ARISING OUT OF THE DEATH OR INJURY OF ANY PERSON IN ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 21, TITLE 50, "PERSON" INCLUDES AN UNBORN CHILD AT EVERY STAGE OF GESTATION IN UTERO FROM CONCEPTION UNTIL LIVE BIRTH; TO AMEND CHAPTER 5, TITLE 56, RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES AND REGULATING TRAFFIC ON THE HIGHWAYS, BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-2915 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT FOR PURPOSES OF ALL OFFENSES ARISING OUT OF THE DEATH OR INJURY OF ANY "PERSON" IN ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 56, THE TERM "PERSON" INCLUDES AN UNBORN CHILD AT EVERY STAGE OF GESTATION IN UTERO FROM CONCEPTION UNTIL LIVE BIRTH.

**02/13/01 Senate Introduced and read first time SJ-3**

**02/13/01 Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary SJ-3**

**05/02/01 Senate Committee report: Majority favorable with amend., minority unfavorable Judiciary SJ-7**

**05/29/02 Senate Recommitted to Committee on Judiciary SJ-144**