

## Session 117 - (2007-2008)

### H 3215 General Bill, By Davenport

#### Summary: Born Alive Infant Protection Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44 TO ENACT THE "BORN ALIVE INFANT PROTECTION ACT" SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY INFANT WHO SURVIVES AN ABORTION RESULTING IN HIS OR HER LIVE BIRTH MUST BE GIVEN REASONABLE AND IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE, TO PROVIDE THAT BEFORE AN ABORTION MAY BE PERFORMED ON A WOMAN WHOSE UNBORN CHILD IS VIABLE, THE PHYSICIAN MUST CERTIFY THAT THE ABORTION IS NECESSARY TO PRESERVE THE LIFE OR HEALTH OF THE WOMAN AND THAT THE ABORTION METHOD TO BE USED MUST BE THE METHOD MOST LIKELY TO PRESERVE THE LIFE AND HEALTH OF THE UNBORN CHILD AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION, TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN PERFORMING AN ABORTION OF A VIABLE UNBORN CHILD A PHYSICIAN, OTHER THAN THE PHYSICIAN PERFORMING THE ABORTION, MUST BE PRESENT AND MUST PROVIDE IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE TO THE INFANT AT BIRTH, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO THIS ARTICLE IN THE CASE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY THAT THREATENS THE LIFE OR PERMANENT PHYSICAL HEALTH OF THE WOMEN.

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