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H 3508 General Bill, By Bennett, McGarry, Burns, Haddon, V.S. Moss, McCravy, Oremus and Thayer

Summary: Life Appropriations Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "LIFE APPROPRIATION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44 SO AS TO DEFINE CERTAIN ABORTION-RELATED TERMS, INCLUDING "ABORTION REFERRAL", "CONVENIENCE ABORTION", AND "SECULAR ABORTION"; TO PROHIBIT THE APPROPRIATION OR GRANTING OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO FACILITIES, INDIVIDUALS, OR ENTITIES TO PAY THE DIRECT OR INDIRECT COSTS OF PERFORMING, INDUCING, REFERRING, OR COUNSELING IN FAVOR OF CONVENIENCE ABORTIONS BECAUSE SUCH WOULD VIOLATE THE ESTABLISHMENT CLAUSE OF THE UNITED STATES AND SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTIONS, WITH EXCEPTIONS; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL AND OTHER STATE AGENCIES TO ENSURE THAT FEDERAL FUNDS ARE NOT USED TO PERFORM OR PROMOTE CONVENIENCE ABORTIONS AND ARE NOT AWARDED TO AN ENTITY THAT PERFORMS OR PROMOTES CONVENIENCE ABORTIONS; TO GIVE TAXPAYERS STANDING TO SUE TO ENFORCE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE; TO CREATE THE "SOUTH CAROLINA FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION INITIATIVES FUND" AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS PURPOSE, ADMINISTRATION, AND USES; TO PROHIBIT HOSPITALS OR OTHER STATE ACTORS FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST OR DISCIPLINING A PERSON DUE TO THE PERSON'S MORAL RELIGIOUS BELIEFS IN FAVOR OR AGAINST CONVENIENCE ABORTION OR SECULAR ABORTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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