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H 3552 (Rat #0407) General Bill, By Lourie, J.E. Smith, Rivers, Hosey, Altman, Anthony, Dantzler, J. Hines, McCraw, Moody-Lawrence, Richardson, Scarborough and Umphlett

Summary: Social Services Department and Adult protective services employees, veterinarian or other person must report animal cruelty; provisions for liability

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 47-1-45 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES EMPLOYEE OR AN ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES EMPLOYEE SHALL REPORT KNOWN OR SUSPECTED INSTANCES OF ANIMAL CRUELTY, FIGHTING, OR BAITING, TO PROVIDE FOR IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY FOR REPORTING PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY VETERINARIAN OR OTHER PERSON SHALL REPORT SUSPECTED ANIMAL CRUELTY, FIGHTING, OR BAITING, AND TO PROVIDE FOR IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR REPORTING PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-510, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PERSONS REQUIRED OR PERMITTED TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT, SO AS TO INCLUDE AN OFFICER OR AGENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS OR OF A SOCIETY INCORPORATED FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS AND AN ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER WITHIN THE SECTION AND MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 43-35-25, RELATING TO PERSONS REQUIRED TO REPORT ABUSE, NEGLECT, OR EXPLOITATION OF VULNERABLE ADULTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE AN OFFICER OR AGENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS OR OF A SOCIETY INCORPORATED FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS OR AN ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER WITHIN THE SECTION; BY ADDING SECTION 43-1-85 SO AS TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF STATUTES OR REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PROGRAMS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES REGULATES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS REGARDING PENALTIES, TO PROVIDE FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THE FINAL AGENCY DECISION CONCERNING A PENALTY; AND BY ADDING SECTION 20-7-2255 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT STANDARD LICENSES FOR RESIDENTIAL GROUP HOMES AND CHILD CARING INSTITUTIONS ARE EFFECTIVE FOR TWO YEARS FROM THE DATE OF ISSUANCE UNLESS REVOKED OR TERMINATED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE. - ratified title

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02/11/03	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary HJ-8
04/09/03	House	Committee report: Favorable Judiciary HJ-7
04/10/03	House	Read second time HJ-17
04/10/03	House	Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day HJ-20
04/11/03		Scrivener's error corrected
04/11/03	House	Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-3
04/15/03	Senate	Introduced and read first time SJ-50
04/15/03	Senate	Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources SJ-50
04/28/04	Senate	Polled out of committee Agriculture and Natural Resources SJ-30
04/28/04	Senate	Committee report: Favorable Agriculture and Natural Resources SJ-30
04/29/04	Senate	Read second time SJ-28
04/29/04	Senate	Ordered to third reading with notice of amendments SJ-28
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05/27/04	Senate	Amended SJ-183
05/27/04	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments SJ-183
06/02/04	House	Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled HJ-16
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