

Session 125 - (2023-2024)

H 3552 General Bill, By McCravy, G.M. Smith, Hiott, Pope, Haddon, S. Jones, Hyde, Magnuson, Gilliam, Bailey, T. Moore, Chumley, Oremus, May, Caskey, Cromer, Robbins, B.J. Cox, Crawford, Jordan, M.M. Smith, Nutt, Long, Vaughan, Willis, Thayer, Trantham, Beach, Gibson, J.E. Johnson, Hayes, Forrest, McCabe, West, Leber, Kilmartin, White, Ligon, Lawson, Chapman, Burns, Wooten, Pace, Murphy, Brewer and Hager

*Similar (S 0240, H 3774)*

**Summary:** Human Life Protection Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "HUMAN LIFE PROTECTION ACT"; BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44 SO AS TO BAN ABORTIONS IN THIS STATE WITH EXCEPTIONS, TO PROTECT THE USE OF CONTRACEPTIVES AND ALTERNATIVE REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES, TO CREATE CRIMINAL PENALTIES AND TO PROVIDE FOR A CIVIL CAUSE OF ACTION FOR VIOLATION OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE, TO PROHIBIT CRIMINAL PROSECUTION OF A WOMAN FOR OBTAINING AN ABORTION, TO PROVIDE FOR PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; BY ADDING SECTION 44-41-90 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM MAY NOT PAY FOR ABORTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; BY ADDING SECTION 63-17-325 SO AS TO REQUIRE A BIOLOGICAL FATHER TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT BEGINNING AT CONCEPTION; BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-146 SO AS TO REQUIRE COVERAGE OF CONTRACEPTIVES BY HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES; TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AUTHORITY TO COVER PRESCRIBED CONTRACEPTIVES; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 44-41-710 AND 44-41-480, RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION AND APPLICATION OF CERTAIN ABORTION LAWS, SO AS TO DELETE LANGUAGE RELATED TO IMPLICIT REPEAL; BY REPEALING SECTION 44-41-20 RELATING TO LEGAL ABORTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-41-70, RELATING TO PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION OF HOSPITALS AND OTHER FACILITIES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY PROVIDING AN UNCONDITIONAL RIGHT TO INTERVENE IN CHALLENGES TO THIS ACT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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