

## Session 115 - (2003-2004)

### H 3579 General Bill, By Rice and McGee

**Similar (H 3685, H 3768, H 3770)**

**Summary:** Health and Human Services Reorganization and Accountability Act of 2003

A BILL TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES REORGANIZATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2003"; TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 30, TITLE 1 SO AS TO TRANSFER THE CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR EMOTIONALLY DISTURB CHILDREN FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, TO TRANSFER THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND TO TRANSFER THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION; TO ADD ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 30, TITLE 1 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCIES AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS POWERS AND DUTIES; BY ADDING CHAPTER 64, TITLE 2 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP, FUNCTIONS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES; BY ADDING ARTICLE 8, CHAPTER 6, TITLE 44 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL MUST BE APPOINTED BY AND UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL; BY ADDING SECTION 44-6-75 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A MEDICAID COST CONTAINMENT ACTION PLAN; BY ADDING SECTION 12-21-625 SO AS TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL LICENSE TAX ON EACH CIGARETTE SUBJECT TO THE LICENSE TAX ON CIGARETTES IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 2.1 CENTS ON EACH CIGARETTE, TO ESTABLISH THE MEDICAID SERVICES FUND TO RECEIVE THE REVENUE OF THIS TAX AND PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF THIS FUND FOR REORGANIZATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH PURPOSES, TO CREATE A MEDICAID MATCHING FUND, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ADDITIONAL TAX; TO AMEND SECTION 44-6-155, RELATING TO THE MEDICAID EXPANSION FUND, SO AS TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE FUND THE TAX IMPOSED BY SECTION 12-21-625; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 12-6-530 AND 12-6-540, RELATING TO THE STATE CORPORATE INCOME TAX AND THE STATE INCOME TAX ON THE TAXABLE INCOME OF EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS AND COOPERATIVES EFFECTIVE FOR TAXABLE YEARS BEGINNING AFTER 2005 AND TO REDUCE THE EXISTING RATE OF THESE TAXES TO FOUR PERCENT FOR TAXABLE YEARS BEGINNING IN 2004 AND TWO PERCENT FOR TAXABLE YEARS BEGINNING IN 2005; TO REQUIRE THE DIRECTOR OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL TO EMPLOY AUDITORS TO PERFORM REGULAR AUDITS ON DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED BY THIS ACT; AND TO DESIGNATE SECTIONS 1-30-10 THROUGH 1-30-120 AS ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 30, TITLE 1 AND NAMED "DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT".

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