

## Session 114 - (2001-2002)

### H 3745 General Bill, By J.E. Smith

**Summary:** Sexual abuse or incest actions, limitation of six years established; Torts, Civil actions, Minors, Crimes, Sex offenses

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 15-3-555 SO AS TO PROVIDE A STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR ACTIONS BASED ON SEXUAL ABUSE OR INCEST OF SIX YEARS FROM THE TIME A PERSON BECOMES TWENTY-ONE OR WITHIN FOUR YEARS OF DISCOVERING THE INJURY AND THE CAUSAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE INJURY AND THE ABUSE OR INCEST; TO PROVIDE THAT PARENTAL IMMUNITY IS NOT A DEFENSE; TO PROVIDE THAT A LAWSUIT BASED ON ABUSE OR INCEST PREVIOUSLY BROUGHT AND BARRED BY THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS MAY BE BROUGHT WITHIN FOUR YEARS OF THIS ACT'S EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO PROVIDE SEVERABILITY PROVISIONS.

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