

Session 116 - (2005-2006)

H*3778 (Rat #0189, Act #0144 of 2005) General Bill, By Harrison, Wilkins, Cato, W.D. Smith, Merrill, Jennings, J.E. Smith and Chellis

Summary: Tort Reform Act of 2005

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 15-32-220, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO LIMITATIONS ON NONECONOMIC DAMAGES IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE ACTIONS AGAINST A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, SO AS TO INCLUDE HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS; TO REDESIGNATE SECTION 38-79-155 AS SECTION 38-75-775; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38-75-775, RELATING TO MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE COVERAGE, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE PROVISIONS OF THE SECTION APPLY TO PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE CARRIERS ISSUING MEDICAL MALPRACTICE POLICIES OF INSURANCE, TO CLARIFY THE QUALIFIED APPLICANT MUST ALSO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 75, TITLE 38, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE SECTION DO NOT MANDATE THAT AN INSURANCE COMPANY MUST WRITE MEDICAL MALPRACTICE COVERAGE. - ratified title

03/15/05	House	Introduced, read first time, placed on calendar without reference HJ-158
03/15/05	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Chellis
03/16/05	House	Requests for debate-Rep(s). Jennings, JE Smith, Scott, Hosey, Ott, Funderburk, Clyburn, Weeks, Phillips, Breeland, Moody-Lawrence, Scarborough, Kennedy, Cato, Harrison, Cotty, JH Neal, Viers, Govan, Coates, GR Smith, and FN Smith HJ-12
03/16/05	House	Amended HJ-17
03/16/05	House	Read second time HJ-32
03/16/05	House	Roll call Yeas-85 Nays-2 HJ-32
03/17/05	House	Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-2
03/22/05	Senate	Introduced and read first time SJ-9
03/22/05	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary SJ-9
05/26/05	Senate	Recalled from Committee on Judiciary
05/31/05	Senate	Amended SJ-37
05/31/05	Senate	Read second time SJ-37
06/01/05	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments SJ-25
06/01/05		Scrivener's error corrected
06/02/05	House	Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled HJ-59
06/02/05		Ratified R 189
06/07/05		Signed By Governor
06/13/05		Copies available
06/13/05		Effective date See Act for Effective Date
06/16/05		Act No. 144