

Session 117 - (2007-2008)

H 3857 General Bill, By Jennings

Summary: Bench Warrants

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 17-15-90 SO AS TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR IN COURT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN THE PERSON HAS BEEN RELEASED ON BOND; TO AMEND SECTION 38-53-50, RELATING TO SURETY RELIEVED ON BOND AND SURRENDER OF A DEFENDANT, SO AS TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES WHEN A BENCH WARRANT MAY BE ISSUED FOR ARREST OF A DEFENDANT AND TO PROVIDE THAT NONPAYMENT OF FEES ALONE DOES NOT WARRANT IMMEDIATE INCARCERATION OF THE DEFENDANT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38-53-70, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF A BENCH WARRANT AND THE REMISSION OF JUDGMENT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PERIOD OF TIME BEFORE THE BOND IS FORFEITED FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR FROM THIRTY TO NINETY DAYS FROM THE ISSUANCE OF THE BENCH WARRANT AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE BENCH WARRANT MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP BY THE SURETY WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF ISSUANCE.

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| 04/11/07 | House | Introduced and read first time HJ-12 |
| 04/11/07 | House | Referred to Committee on Judiciary HJ-12 |
| 05/23/07 | House | Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary HJ-37 |
| 05/24/07 | House | Amended HJ-38 |
| 05/24/07 | House | Read second time HJ-41 |
| 05/24/07 | House | Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day HJ-41 |
| 05/24/07 | | Scrivener's error corrected |
| 05/25/07 | House | Read third time and sent to Senate |
| 05/29/07 | Senate | Introduced and read first time SJ-10 |
| 05/29/07 | Senate | Referred to Committee on Judiciary SJ-10 |
| 06/01/07 | Senate | Referred to Subcommittee: Hutto (ch), Jackson, Knotts, Bryant |
| 04/02/08 | Senate | Committee report: Favorable Judiciary SJ-9 |
| 04/09/08 | Senate | Amended SJ-93 |
| 04/09/08 | Senate | Read second time SJ-93 |
| 04/10/08 | Senate | Read third time and returned to House with amendments SJ-27 |
| 04/17/08 | House | Non-concurrence in Senate amendment HJ-82 |
| 06/03/08 | Senate | Senate insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Knotts, Hutto, and Bryant SJ-17 |
| 06/04/08 | House | Conference committee appointed Reps. GM Smith, Herbkersman, and Rutherford HJ-1 |