

## Session 115 - (2003-2004)

### H 4368 General Bill, By Allen, Lee, Rivers, Rutherford, Sinclair, F.N. Smith, G.M. Smith, Talley and Weeks

**Summary:** Controlled substances, "reasonable time" and "reasonable period of time" defined in relation to seizure, forfeiture and disposition proceedings

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-53-520, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE FORFEITURE OF CERTAIN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND ITEMS RELATED TO THE MANUFACTURE AND DISTRIBUTION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "REASONABLE TIME" AS IT RELATES TO INSTITUTION OF CERTAIN FORFEITURE AND DISPOSITION PROCEEDINGS TO MEAN A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY DAYS, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME" AS IT RELATES TO WHEN A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT SEIZES CERTAIN PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO MEAN NOT MORE THAN SIXTY DAYS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44-53-530, RELATING TO FORFEITURE PROCEDURES FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "REASONABLE TIME PERIOD" AS IT RELATES TO THE FORFEITURE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY TO MEAN A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY DAYS.

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