

## Session 117 - (2007-2008)

### S 0443 General Bill, By Ford

**Similar (S 0438, S 0439, S 0440, S 0441, S 0442)**

#### **Summary:** Discrimination

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976 BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-65 SO AS TO REQUIRE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES TO ESTABLISH PROTOCOLS ALLOWING A PATIENT TO DESIGNATE AN INDIVIDUAL AS AN AUTHORIZED VISITOR REGARDLESS OF THE BLOOD OR LEGAL RELATIONSHIP OF THE PATIENT TO THE INDIVIDUAL; TO AMEND SECTIONS 1-13-20, 1-13-30, 1-13-70, 1-13-80, 1-13-90, AS AMENDED, AND 1-13-100, ALL RELATING TO PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT BECAUSE OF RACE, RELIGION, COLOR, SEX, AGE, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR DISABILITY, SO AS TO ALSO PROHIBIT SUCH DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY AND TO DEFINE "SEXUAL ORIENTATION" AND "GENDER IDENTITY"; TO AMEND SECTIONS 31-21-30, 31-21-40, 31-21-50, 31-21-60, AND 31-21-70, ALL RELATING TO PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION PURSUANT TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA FAIR HOUSING LAW, CONCERNING THE BUYING, SELLING, OR RENTING OF DWELLINGS, BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, HANDICAP, FAMILIAL STATUS, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN, SO AS TO ALSO PROHIBIT SUCH DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY AND TO DEFINE "SEXUAL ORIENTATION" AND "GENDER IDENTITY"; TO AMEND SECTIONS 45-2-20, 45-2-30, AND 45-2-60, RELATING TO PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION PURSUANT TO THE LODGING ESTABLISHMENT ACT, CONCERNING HOTELS AND OTHER SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS, BECAUSE OF RACE, CREED, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, GENDER, DISABILITY, OR MARITAL STATUS, SO AS TO ALSO PROHIBIT SUCH DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY AND TO DEFINE "SEXUAL ORIENTATION" AND "GENDER IDENTITY"; TO AMEND SECTION 45-9-10, RELATING TO PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION IN THE FULL AND EQUAL ENJOYMENT OF THE GOODS, SERVICES, FACILITIES, PRIVILEGES, ADVANTAGES AND ACCOMMODATIONS OF ANY PLACE OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN, SO AS TO PROHIBIT SUCH DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY AND TO DEFINE "SEXUAL ORIENTATION" AND "GENDER IDENTITY"; AND TO ADD SECTION 16-3-1900 SO AS TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR NONCAPITAL CRIMINAL OFFENSES AGAINST A PERSON THAT WERE MOTIVATED BY HATE, WHICH PERTAINS TO SUCH CRIMES BEING COMMITTED WITH THE INTENT TO COMMIT THE CRIME BECAUSE OF THE ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED RACE, RELIGION, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY, AGE, DISABILITY, GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY OF A VICTIM, AND TO DEFINE "AGE", "BASE OFFENSE", "GENDER IDENTITY", "DISABILITY", "MOTIVATED BY HATE", AND "SEXUAL ORIENTATION".

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