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H 4544 General Bill, By Jordan, W. Newton, M.M. Smith, B.L. Cox and Davis

Summary: Medical malpractice

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 15-32-220, RELATING TO NONECONOMIC DAMAGES LIMIT AND EXCEPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR INTENT TO HARM, FELONY CONVICTIONS, AND INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 15-78-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE TORT CLAIMS ACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE MEANING OF "OCCURRENCE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 15-78-120, RELATING TO LIMITATION ON LIABILITY, SO AS TO PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE LIMITATIONS MUST BE INCREASED OR DECREASED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 33-56-180, RELATING TO LIMITED LIABILITY OF CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

05/08/25	**House**	**Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 45)**
05/08/25	**House**	**Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 45)**
03/03/26	**House**	**Member(s) request name added as sponsor: M.M.Smith, B.L.Cox, Davis**
03/24/26	**House**	**Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (House Journal-page 16)**
03/25/26		**Scrivener's error corrected**
03/25/26	**House**	**Amended (House Journal-page 40)**
03/25/26	**House**	**Read second time (House Journal-page 40)**
03/25/26	**House**	**Roll call Yeas-116 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 44)**
03/26/26	**House**	**Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 33)**
03/26/26	**Senate**	**Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 11)**
03/26/26	**Senate**	**Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 11)**
04/22/26	**Senate**	**Recalled from Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 3)**
05/12/26	**Senate**	**Read second time (Senate Journal-page 41)**