

## Session 126 - (2025-2026)

### H 4640 General Bill, By Pope, Oremus and Clyburn

#### Summary: Orders of Protection

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 20-4-20, RELATING TO DOMESTIC ABUSE PROTECTION DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR "VICTIM ADVOCATE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 20-4-40, RELATING TO PETITIONS FOR AN ORDER OF PROTECTION, SO AS TO ALLOW A VICTIM ADVOCATE TO FILE A PETITION FOR AN ORDER OF PROTECTION OR A MOTION FOR FURTHER RELIEF ON BEHALF OF A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 20-4-50, RELATING TO HEARINGS ON A PETITION FOR AN ORDER OF PROTECTION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

**12/16/25 House Prefiled (House Journal-page 3)**

**12/16/25 House Referred to Committee on Judiciary**

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