

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

H 4646 General Bill, By Calhoon, C. Mitchell, Pope, Spann-Wilder and W. Newton

Summary: Nursing Homes

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "NURSING HOME VIRTUAL VISITATION ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 83 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO ALLOW RESIDENTS OF NURSING HOMES TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF A MONITORING DEVICE IN THEIR ROOM, WITH EXCEPTIONS; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS FROM CIVIL LIABILITY FOR CONDUCT AUTHORIZED BY THIS CHAPTER; TO REQUIRE NOTICE TO VISITORS AND OTHER RESIDENTS OF THE USE OF MONITORING DEVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-81-40, RELATING TO RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME RESIDENTS, SO AS TO ADD THE RIGHT TO USE A MONITORING DEVICE AS A RIGHT FOR RESIDENTS OF NURSING HOMES.

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