

## Session 116 - (2005-2006)

**H\*4678 (Rat #0424, Act #0362 of 2006) General Bill, By G.M. Smith, Weeks and Coates**

**Summary:** Infants voluntarily left at hospital

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-85, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO INFANTS VOLUNTARILY LEFT AT A HOSPITAL BY A PARENT OR AT THE DIRECTION OF A PARENT AND PROVIDING IMMUNITY TO SUCH PARENT OR PERSON UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INFANT MAY ALSO BE LEFT AT A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, A FIRE STATION, AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES STATION, OR A STAFFED HOUSE OF WORSHIP; TO INCLUDE THESE LOCATIONS, AS WELL AS HOSPITALS, IN THE DEFINITION OF "SAFE HAVEN", TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH IMMUNITY ATTACHES WHEN AN INFANT IS LEFT IN THE PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF A STAFF MEMBER OR EMPLOYEE OF A SAFE HAVEN, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, FIRE STATION, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES STATION, OR A HOUSE OF WORSHIP MUST TRANSPORT AN INFANT TO A HOSPITAL WHEN THE INFANT IS LEFT AT SUCH A LOCATION. - ratified title

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| <b>02/16/06</b> | <b>House</b>  | <b>Introduced and read first time HJ-38</b>                              |
| <b>02/16/06</b> | <b>House</b>  | <b>Referred to Committee on Judiciary HJ-38</b>                          |
| <b>03/09/06</b> | <b>House</b>  | <b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Coates</b>                   |
| <b>03/15/06</b> | <b>House</b>  | <b>Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary HJ-3</b>         |
| <b>03/16/06</b> | <b>House</b>  | <b>Amended HJ-16</b>   |
| <b>03/16/06</b> | <b>House</b>  | <b>Read second time HJ-17</b>  |
| <b>03/16/06</b> | <b>House</b>  | <b>Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day HJ-17</b> |
| <b>03/17/06</b> | <b>House</b>  | <b>Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-2</b>                           |
| <b>03/21/06</b> | <b>Senate</b> | <b>Introduced and read first time SJ-10</b>                              |
| <b>03/21/06</b> | <b>Senate</b> | <b>Referred to Committee on Judiciary SJ-10</b>                          |
| <b>03/21/06</b> | <b>Senate</b> | <b>Referred to Subcommittee: Ritchie (ch), Rankin, Lourie, Scott</b>     |
| <b>05/24/06</b> | <b>Senate</b> | <b>Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary SJ-19</b>        |
| <b>05/25/06</b> | <b>Senate</b> | <b>Amended SJ-69</b>   |
| <b>05/25/06</b> | <b>Senate</b> | <b>Read second time SJ-69</b>  |
| <b>05/31/06</b> | <b>Senate</b> | <b>Read third time and returned to House with amendments</b>             |
| <b>06/01/06</b> | <b>House</b>  | <b>Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled HJ-45</b>                  |
| <b>06/07/06</b> |               | <b>Ratified R 424</b>  |
| <b>06/12/06</b> |               | <b>Signed By Governor</b>  |
| <b>06/15/06</b> |               | <b>Copies available</b>  |
| <b>06/15/06</b> |               | <b>Effective date 06/12/06</b>   |
| <b>06/23/06</b> |               | <b>Act No. 362</b>   |