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H 4819 General Bill, By Martin and Pope

Summary: Unauthorized Practice of Law Prevention Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW PREVENTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROHIBIT UNLICENSED INDIVIDUALS FROM PROVIDING LEGAL SERVICES FOR COMPENSATION, TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO ESTABLISH CRIMINAL PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CIVIL ENFORCEMENT, INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, AND THE DISGORGEMENT OF COMPENSATION RECEIVED IN VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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