

Session 115 - (2003-2004)

S 0491 General Bill, By McConnell and Ford

Summary: Stalking and harassment

A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 17, CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 16, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO STALKING AND HARASSMENT, SO AS TO REDEFINE STALKING AND HARASSMENT; TO CLARIFY PENALTIES FOR STALKING AND HARASSMENT; TO REQUIRE THAT, WHEN A RESTRAINING ORDER IS ISSUED AS A CONDITION OF BOND FOR HARASSMENT OR STALKING, A COPY OF THE RESTRAINING ORDER MUST BE SENT BY THE COURT TO THE VICTIM; TO PROVIDE THAT A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER GRANTED WITHOUT NOTICE MUST BE ENTERED OF RECORD WITH THE MAGISTRATES COURT; TO ALLOW SERVICE OF A RESTRAINING ORDER TO BE MADE BY MAIL RETURN RECEIPT TO DEFENDANT'S LAST KNOWN ADDRESS; TO REQUIRE THAT A MENTAL EVALUATION MUST BE MADE BEFORE BAIL IS SET ON A STALKING OR HARASSMENT CHARGE; AND FURTHER TO REQUIRE THAT THE EVALUATION BE SCHEDULED WITHIN TEN DAYS OF THE ORDER'S ISSUANCE, THAT THE REPORT BE ISSUED WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS OF EVALUATION, AND THAT THE SOLICITOR ARRANGE FOR A BOND HEARING UPON RECEIPT OF THE REPORT BEFORE A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE.

03/18/03	Senate	Introduced and read first time SJ-5
03/18/03	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary SJ-5
04/23/03	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary SJ-20
04/24/03	Senate	Amended SJ-52
04/24/03	Senate	Read second time SJ-52
04/24/03	Senate	Ordered to third reading with notice of amendments SJ-52
04/29/03		Scrivener's error corrected
04/29/03	Senate	Amended SJ-54
04/29/03	Senate	Read third time and sent to House SJ-54
04/30/03	House	Introduced and read first time HJ-15
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