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S 0492 General Bill, By Sheheen, Hutto and Verdin

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Summary: Ann S. Perdue Heart Patient Safety Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ENACTING THE "ANN S. PERDUE HEART PATIENT SAFETY ACT" SO AS TO ADD SECTION 44-7-285 TO PROVIDE THAT A HOSPITAL PROVIDING THERAPEUTIC HEART CATHETERIZATIONS MUST HAVE A CARDIOLOGIST ON SITE AT ALL TIMES; TO ADD SECTION 44-7-295 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A HOSPITAL PROVIDING THERAPEUTIC HEART CATHETERIZATIONS MAY ONLY DIRECTLY EMPLOY NURSING PERSONNEL AND THAT BY JANUARY 1, 2009, THESE HOSPITALS MAY NOT EMPLOY CONTRACT NURSING PERSONNEL; TO ADD SECTION 44-7-730 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF A PERSON DIES IN A HOSPITAL, THE HOSPITAL MUST OFFER IN WRITING TO THE PATIENT'S FAMILY THE RIGHT TO HAVE AN AUTOPSY PERFORMED AND IF THE FAMILY ELECTS TO HAVE THE AUTOPSY PERFORMED, IT MUST BE PERFORMED BY A PATHOLOGIST WHO IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE HOSPITAL; AND TO AMEND SECTION 17-5-530, RELATING TO CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING THE CORONER OR MEDICAL EXAMINER TO BE NOTIFIED OF CERTAIN DEATHS, SO AS TO REQUIRE SUCH NOTIFICATION WHEN A PERSON DIES IN A HEALTH CARE FACILITY WITHIN TWENTY FOUR HOURS OF HAVING AN INVASIVE PROCEDURE PERFORMED.

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