

## Session 113 - (1999-2000)

### H\*4939 (Rat #0392, Act #0328 of 2000) General Bill, By Cato, Tripp and Sharpe

**Summary:** Prepaid legal insurance services contracts, registration with Consumer Affairs; Consumer rights of handicapped persons

A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 37, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CONSUMER PROTECTION CODE, BY ADDING CHAPTER 16, SO AS TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR A COMPANY TO OFFER PREPAID LEGAL SERVICES INCLUDING REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, OBTAINING APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS OFFERING SUCH SERVICES, AND TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-1-20, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS USED IN TITLE 38 CONCERNING INSURANCE, SO AS TO DELETE THE DEFINITION OF LEGAL INSURANCE; BY ADDING SECTION 37-6-512 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS MAY APPOINT AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF PERSONS WITH HANDICAPS TO PROVIDE ADVICE REGARDING THE CONSUMER RIGHTS OF SUCH PERSONS ESPECIALLY AS THEY INTERACT WITH ENTITIES REGULATED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION; AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 38-75-510 AND 38-75-520, RELATING TO INSURANCE CONTRACTS FOR LEGAL SERVICES.-AMENDED TITLE

04/13/00	House	Introduced and read first time HJ-15
04/13/00	House	Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry HJ-15
05/03/00	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Labor, Commerce and Industry HJ-8
05/04/00	House	Amended HJ-28
05/04/00	House	Read second time HJ-28
05/04/00	House	Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day HJ-28
05/05/00	House	Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-2
05/09/00	Senate	Introduced and read first time SJ-10
05/09/00	Senate	Referred to Committee on Banking and Insurance SJ-10
05/11/00	Senate	Recalled from Committee on Banking and Insurance SJ-4
05/16/00	Senate	Read second time SJ-22
05/18/00	Senate	Amended SJ-15
05/18/00	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments SJ-15
05/24/00	House	Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled HJ-49
05/31/00		Ratified R 392
06/06/00		Signed By Governor
06/14/00		Effective date 07/01/00
06/14/00		Copies available
06/14/00		Act No. 328