

## Session 120 - (2013-2014)

**H 5039 General Bill, By Anderson, G.A. Brown, Daning, Crosby, Sabb, W.J. McLeod, McEachern, Douglas, McCoy and Norrell**

***Similar (S 1040)***

**Summary:** Vulnerable Adult and Senior Citizen Protection Act

A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 35, TITLE 43, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE ADULTS FROM ABUSE, NEGLECT, OR EXPLOITATION, SO AS TO DEFINE A SENIOR CITIZEN AS A PERSON SIXTY YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND TO EXTEND APPLICATION OF THE PROTECTIONS OF THE ARTICLE TO SENIOR CITIZENS; TO ADD HUMAN TRAFFICKING AS A CRIME SUBJECT TO FINES AND IMPRISONMENT; TO CHANGE EXISTING CRIMINAL PENALTIES; TO CREATE DUTIES RELATED TO DISCHARGING VULNERABLE ADULTS AND SENIOR CITIZENS FROM CERTAIN SETTINGS; TO CREATE AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO COMMITTING OFFENSES PROVIDED FOR IN THE ARTICLE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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