

## Session 113 - (1999-2000)

### H 5133 General Bill, By Barrett

**Summary:** Private Attorney Retention Sunshine Act, Torts, State Government, Agencies; General Assembly, Attorney General

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 77, TITLE 15, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO SUITS INVOLVING THE STATE AND STATE AGENCIES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 SO AS TO ENACT THE "PRIVATE ATTORNEY RETENTION SUNSHINE ACT", WHICH REQUIRES COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR ATTORNEY SERVICES RENDERED ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OR A STATE AGENCY, PROVIDES FOR THE OPPORTUNITY FOR LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS WHENEVER THE STATE OR A STATE AGENCY PROPOSES TO ENTER INTO AN ATTORNEY FEE CONTRACT WHICH MAY REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO EXCEED FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, AND LIMITS THE HOURLY RATE WHEN CONTINGENT FEES ARE AWARDED TO ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING THE STATE OR ITS AGENCIES.

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