

## Session 118 - (2009-2010)

### S 0582 General Bill, By Anderson

#### *Similar (H 4453)*

#### **Summary:** Physician Transparency Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "PHYSICIAN TRANSPARENCY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3, TO CHAPTER 47, TITLE 40 SO AS TO REQUIRE PHYSICIANS SEEKING LICENSURE TO SUBMIT INFORMATION PERTAINING TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, PRIOR LICENSES HELD, DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN AGAINST THE PHYSICIAN, ANY AGREEMENT TO TEMPORARILY CEASE OR RESTRICT THE PHYSICIAN'S PRACTICE OF MEDICINE, ACTIONS AFFECTING CLINICAL PRIVILEGES, CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS, AND FINAL JUDGMENTS OR SETTLEMENTS RESULTING FROM A MALPRACTICE ACTION; TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS TO MAKE THIS INFORMATION AND TYPES OF COMPLAINTS FILED AGAINST A PHYSICIAN AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE BOARD'S WEBSITE; TO PROVIDE THAT FAILURE TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION OR PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION IS CONSIDERED MISCONDUCT AND THE BOARD MAY NOT ISSUE, RENEW, OR REINSTATE THE LICENSE OF THE PHYSICIAN; TO PROVIDE THAT ALL HEARINGS BEFORE THE BOARD REGARDING COMPLAINTS AGAINST PHYSICIANS MUST BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, THAT HEARING SCHEDULES MUST BE POSTED ON THE BOARD'S WEBSITE, THAT A COMPLAINANT HAS THE RIGHT TO MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT IN A HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD, AND THAT THE BOARD SHALL INFORM A COMPLAINANT OF THESE RIGHTS.

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