

## Session 120 - (2013-2014)

### **S 0623 General Bill, By Bright, Bryant, Verdin, Fair, Grooms, Cromer, S. Martin and Shealy**

**Summary:** Human Heartbeat Protection Act

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ABORTIONS, TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HUMAN HEARTBEAT PROTECTION ACT", BY ADDING SECTION 44-41-25 TO PROVIDE THAT PHYSICIANS OR ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS MUST CONDUCT A FETAL HEARTBEAT ABDOMINAL ULTRASOUND TEST PRIOR TO PERFORMING OR INDUCING AN ABORTION, TO PROHIBIT ABORTIONS WHEN A FETAL HEARTBEAT IS DETECTED, TO PROVIDE FOR INFORMATION TO BE GIVEN TO THE WOMAN, TO PROVIDE FOR REGULATIONS OF THE ULTRASOUND PROCEDURE AND STATISTICAL PROBABILITIES OF BRINGING A FETUS TO TERM, TO PROVIDE FOR EXEMPTIONS, TO DEFINE MEDICAL EMERGENCY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE SECTION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES.

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