

## Session 126 - (2025-2026)

### **S 0717 General Bill, By Garrett, Sabb, Verdin and Alexander**

#### **Summary:** Mothers and Preborns Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "MOTHERS AND PREBORNS ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 44-37-80 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFICE OF THE HEALTHY NEWBORN OMBUDSMAN IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF THE OMBUDSMAN; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-41-340, RELATING TO THE PUBLICATION OF MATERIALS REGARDING AVAILABLE ASSISTANCE CONCERNING PREGNANCY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE BROCHURE OR OTHER WRITTEN MATERIALS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 44-37-80 ARE INCLUDED IN THE MATERIALS PROVIDED TO A PREGNANT WOMAN PRIOR TO AN ABORTION.

<b>12/10/25</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Prefiled</b>
<b>12/10/25</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs</b>
<b>01/13/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 29)</b>
<b>01/13/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs (Senate Journal-page 29)</b>
<b>02/05/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Committee report: Favorable with amendment Medical Affairs (Senate Journal-page 6)</b>
<b>04/29/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Amended (Senate Journal-page 38)</b>
<b>04/29/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read second time (Senate Journal-page 38)</b>
<b>04/29/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Roll call Ayes-43 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 38)</b>
<b>04/30/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 34)</b>
<b>05/05/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 15)</b>
<b>05/05/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 15)</b>
<b>05/06/26</b>		<b>Scrivener's error corrected</b>