

## Session 121 - (2015-2016)

### **S 0800 General Bill, By Rankin and Hembree**

#### **Summary:** Professional Dog Breeder Assurance Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT "THE PROFESSIONAL DOG BREEDER ASSURANCE ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 17 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 47 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO REQUIRE A PROFESSIONAL DOG BREEDER TO BE LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, TO PRESCRIBE APPLICATION STANDARDS FOR A PROFESSIONAL DOG BREEDER LICENSE, TO GRANT THE DIRECTOR THE AUTHORITY TO REFUSE TO ISSUE OR RENEW A LICENSE IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PRESCRIBE THAT A LICENSE MUST BE RENEWED EVERY OTHER YEAR, TO ESTABLISH A LICENSING FEE SCHEDULE AND TO DESCRIBE WHERE THE FUNDS COLLECTED ARE TO BE DISBURSED, TO PROHIBIT A PERSON WHOSE LICENSE HAS BEEN REVOKED FROM PERFORMING CERTAIN ACTIONS, TO SET RECORD KEEPING STANDARDS FOR A PROFESSIONAL DOG BREEDER, TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR THE INSPECTION OR REINSPECTION OF THE PREMISES, DOGS, AND RECORDS OF A PROFESSIONAL DOG BREEDER, TO PRESCRIBE HOUSING FACILITY AND DAILY CARE REQUIREMENTS, TO SET COMMERCIAL STANDARDS FOR A LICENSEE, TO PROHIBIT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT FROM CONFISCATING DOGS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, TO GRANT THE DIRECTOR AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, AND TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 47-1-40, RELATING TO ILL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS, SO AS TO UPDATE PENALTIES, TO PRESCRIBE STANDARDS FOR SUSTENANCE AND SHELTER, AND TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR THE SEIZURE OF ILL-TREATED ANIMALS.

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