

## Session 115 - (2003-2004)

**S 0975 General Bill, By Waldrep, Hutto, Cromer, Knotts and Verdin**

***Similar (H 5111)***

**Summary:** Dairy Fairness Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 34 TO TITLE 39 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA DAIRY FAIRNESS ACT", TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILK BOARD, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERS, PROCEDURES FOR THEIR APPOINTMENT AND FOR THEIR POWERS AND DUTIES; TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD'S PRIMARY DUTY IS TO ESTABLISH A FAIR MARKET BREAKEVEN PRICE FOR PRODUCERS OF MILK AND EXERCISE GENERAL SUPERVISION OVER THE MILK INDUSTRY IN THIS STATE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD MUST BE LOCATED IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD TO ENTER INTO COMPACTS FOR A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF MILK CONTROL, TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS AND MEDIATE AND ARBITRATE MILK DISPUTES, TO ISSUE RULES, ORDERS, AND FAIR MARKET BREAKEVEN MILK PRICES, TO SPECIFY CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH FEES MAY BE COLLECTED WHEN MILK DROPS BELOW THE FAIR MARKET BREAKEVEN PRICE SET BY THE BOARD, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISBURSAL OF THESE FEES; TO REQUIRE LICENSURE IN ORDER TO OPERATE AS A MILK BUYER; TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD TO DEVELOP A SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTING FOR BUYERS OF MILK AND TO SANCTION THOSE BUYERS WHO DO NOT USE THE SYSTEM; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS CHAPTER.

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