COMMITTEE REPORT

May 6, 2009

**S. 144**

Introduced by Senators Campsen and Ford

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Read the first time January 13, 2009.

**THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

To whom was referred a Bill (S. 144) to ratify an amendment to Section 33, Article III of the Constitution of South Carolina, 1895, relating to the provision providing that no unmarried woman under the age of fourteen, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass with amendment:

Amend the committee amendment, as and if amended, page 1, by striking line 30 in its entirety, as contained in SECTION 1, and inserting therein the following:

/ “Section 33. (Reserved)” /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

GERALD MALLOY for Committee.

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The Legislative Council reports this bill will have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on federal and/or other funds.

*Approved By:*

Harry Bell

Office of State Budget

**A** **BILL**

TO RATIFY AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 33, ARTICLE III OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE PROVISION PROVIDING THAT NO UNMARRIED WOMAN UNDER THE AGE OF FOURTEEN YEARS OLD MAY LEGALLY CONSENT TO SEXUAL INTERCOURSE, SO AS TO DELETE THAT PROVISION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. The amendment to Section 33, Article III of the Constitution of South Carolina, 1895, prepared under the terms of Joint Resolution 118 of 2007, having been submitted to the qualified electors at the General Election of 2008 as prescribed in Section 1, Article XVI of the Constitution of South Carolina, 1895, and a favorable vote having been received on the amendment, is ratified and declared to be a part of the Constitution so that Section 33, Article III is amended to read:

“Section 33. Reserved.”

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