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12/1/2010 Senate Referred to Committee on **Banking and Insurance**

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4/14/2011 Senate Committee report: Majority favorable, minority unfavorable **Banking and Insurance** ([Senate Journal‑page 15](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2011\04-14-11.docx))

2/21/2012 Senate Special order, set for February 21, 2012 ([Senate Journal‑page 48](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\02-21-12.docx))

2/21/2012 Senate Roll call Ayes‑32 Nays‑9 ([Senate Journal‑page 48](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\02-21-12.docx))

3/8/2012 Senate Amended ([Senate Journal‑page 20](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\03-08-12.docx))

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3/8/2012 Senate Roll call Ayes‑38 Nays‑1 ([Senate Journal‑page 1337](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\03-08-12.docx))

3/15/2012 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 16](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\03-15-12.docx))

3/20/2012 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 48](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\03-20-12.docx))

3/20/2012 House Referred to Committee on **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([House Journal‑page 48](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\03-20-12.docx))

5/17/2012 House Committee report: Favorable **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([House Journal‑page 7](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\05-17-12.docx))

5/22/2012 House Requests for debate‑Rep(s). Sandifer, Delleney, Bedingfield, Henderson, Bannister, Nanney ([House Journal‑page 14](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\05-22-12.docx))

5/23/2012 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 42](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\05-23-12.docx))

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**AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 38‑71‑238 SO AS TO PROHIBIT QUALIFIED HEALTH PLANS OFFERED THROUGH A HEALTH CARE EXCHANGE REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL “PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT” FROM OFFERING ABORTION COVERAGE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS.**

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

**Health insurance, abortion coverage prohibitions, exceptions**

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 71, Title 38 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 38‑71‑238. (A) Abortion coverage may not be provided by a qualified health plan offered by a health insurer, including a group health plan as defined in Section 607(1) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 or health maintenance organization as defined in Section 38‑33‑20, through a health insurance exchange created pursuant to the federal ‘Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act’.

(B) This limitation shall not apply to an abortion performed when the life of the mother is endangered by a physical disorder, physical illness, or physical injury, including a life‑endangering physical condition caused or arising from the pregnancy, or when the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 5th day of June, 2012.

Approved the 7th day of June, 2012.

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