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 2/18/2016 Senate Roll call Ayes‑39 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 12](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C02-18-16.docx))

 2/24/2016 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 17](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C02-24-16.docx))

 2/25/2016 House Introduced, read first time, placed on calendar without reference ([House Journal‑page 14](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C02-25-16.docx))

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 3/3/2016 House Read third time and enrolled ([House Journal‑page 19](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C03-03-16.docx))

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(A140, R144, S975)

**AN ACT** **TO AMEND SECTION 42‑3‑20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE MANNER OF APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKERS’ COMPENSATION COMMISSION, SO AS TO DELETE A PROHIBITION OF THE SERVING OF CONSECUTIVE TERMS BY THE CHAIRMAN, TO PROVIDE THE GOVERNOR MAY REAPPOINT A CHAIRMAN, AND TO PROVIDE MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE WORKERS’ COMPENSATION COMMISSION ARE SUBJECT TO REMOVAL BY THE GOVERNOR IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.**

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

**Reappointment of chairman permitted, removal of commissioners**

SECTION 1. Section 42‑3‑20(B) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

 “(B) The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall designate one of the seven commissioners as chairman for a term of two years. At the conclusion of a commissioner’s two‑year term as chairman, the Governor shall appoint or reappoint a commissioner to serve as chairman. If the Governor does not appoint or reappoint a chairman at the expiration of the two‑year term, a majority of the commission shall elect from among their members an interim chairman who shall serve until the Governor appoints another chairman. A deputy commissioner is not eligible to serve as chairman. Any person appointed to the commission is subject to removal as provided in Section 1‑3‑240(C).”

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 10th day of March, 2016.

Approved the 14th day of March, 2016.

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