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**S. 233**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

General Bill

Sponsors: Senators Leber, Kennedy and Zell

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Introduced in the Senate on January 16, 2025

Introduced in the House on April 2, 2025

Currently residing in the House Committee on **Judiciary**

Summary: Sexually Violent Predator Act

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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1/16/2025 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 5](h:\sj\20250116.docx))

1/16/2025 Senate Referred to Committee on **Medical Affairs** ([Senate Journal‑page 5](h:\sj\20250116.docx))

1/29/2025 Senate Recalled from Committee on **Medical Affairs** ([Senate Journal‑page 4](h:\sj\20250129.docx))

1/29/2025 Senate Committed to Committee on **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 4](h:\sj\20250129.docx))

2/21/2025 Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Adams (ch), Kimbrell,
Devine, Blackmon, Kennedy, Leber, Walker

3/12/2025 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 7](h:\sj\20250312.docx))

3/25/2025 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 15](h:\sj\20250325.docx))

3/25/2025 Senate Roll call Ayes-39 Nays-0 ([Senate Journal‑page 15](h:\sj\20250325.docx))

3/27/2025 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 11](h:\sj\20250327.docx))

4/2/2025 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 11](h:\hj\20250402.docx))

4/2/2025 House Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** ([House Journal‑page 11](h:\hj\20250402.docx))

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Committee Report

March 12, 2025

S. 233

Introduced by Senators Leber and Kennedy

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The committee on Senate Judiciary

To whom was referred a Bill (S. 233) to amend the South Carolina Code of Laws by amending Section 44‑48‑30, relating to definitions of terms used in the “Sexually Violent Predator Act,” so as to redefine, etc., respectfully

Report:

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

LUKE RANKIN for Committee.

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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44‑48‑30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED IN THE “SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR ACT,” SO AS TO REDEFINE “LIKELY TO ENGAGE IN ACTS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE.”

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

SECTION 1. Section 44‑48‑30(9) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(9) “Likely to engage in acts of sexual violence” means that a person is predisposedperson’s propensity to engage incommit acts of sexual violence and more probably than not will engage in acts of sexual violence to such a degreeis of such a degree as to pose a menace to the health and safety of others.

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

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