

## Session 117 - (2007-2008)

**S\*0391 (Rat #0090, Act #0052 of 2007) General Bill, By Knotts, Elliott, Grooms, Drummond, Ford, Anderson, McGill and Mescher**

**Similar (H 3740)**

**Summary:** Coroner office

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 17-5-50, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF CORONER, SO AS TO REVISE THE MANNER IN WHICH A VACANCY IS FILLED AND TO PROVIDE THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE OF THE COUNTY, OR HIS DESIGNEE, SHALL SERVE AS CORONER UNTIL THE REPLACEMENT TAKES OFFICE; TO AMEND SECTION 17-5-70, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTIES BY THE COUNTY CORONER, SO AS TO PERMIT THE COUNTY CORONER TO ALSO APPOINT INVESTIGATORS AS WELL AS DEPUTIES AND TO MAKE THESE APPOINTMENTS MANDATORY RATHER THAN DISCRETIONARY; TO AMEND SECTION 17-5-520, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF A CORONER OR MEDICAL EXAMINER TO DETERMINE THAT AN AUTOPSY BE MADE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE CORONER OR MEDICAL EXAMINER TO REQUEST AN AUTOPSY IF A CHILD'S DEATH OCCURS AS A RESULT OF VIOLENCE OR IS UNEXPLAINED INCLUDING POSSIBLE SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH THE AUTOPSY SHALL BE CONDUCTED; TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-5915, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE PURPOSES AND DUTIES OF THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION IN REGARD TO INVESTIGATING CHILD DEATHS, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH AUTOPSIES ARE PERFORMED IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES AND WHEN A CORONER SHALL BE REQUESTED TO REOPEN A CASE; TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-5920, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE STATE CHILD FATALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN REGARD TO THE INVESTIGATION OF A DEATH, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CORONER OR MEDICAL EXAMINER MUST BE NOTIFIED ABOUT A REVIEW MEETING AND REQUESTED TO ATTEND; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 17-5-80 RELATING TO A MAGISTRATE ACTING AS A CORONER IN CERTAIN CASES. - ratified title

02/01/07	Senate	Introduced and read first time SJ-2
02/01/07	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary SJ-2
02/12/07	Senate	Referred to Subcommittee: Hutto (ch), Jackson, Knotts, Bryant
04/12/07	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary SJ-18
04/13/07		Scrivener's error corrected
04/17/07	Senate	Amended SJ-12
04/17/07	Senate	Read second time SJ-12
04/18/07	Senate	Read third time and sent to House SJ-13
04/18/07	House	Introduced and read first time HJ-124
04/18/07	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary HJ-124
05/16/07	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary HJ-74
05/22/07	House	Amended HJ-40
05/22/07	House	Read second time HJ-41
05/23/07	House	Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments HJ-24
05/24/07	Senate	Concurred in House amendment and enrolled SJ-109
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