

## Session 114 - (2001-2002)

### **S\*1249 (Rat #0423, Act #0345 of 2002) General Bill, By Short and Fair**

**Summary:** Guardian ad litem, counsel appointed for; provisions regarding adoptions

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-1570, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO COUNSEL FOR A GUARDIAN AD LITEM, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT COUNSEL MUST BE APPOINTED FOR A GUARDIAN AD LITEM WHO IS NOT AN ATTORNEY IN ANY CASE THAT IS CONTESTED; TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-1690, RELATING TO THE REIMBURSEMENT FOR FEES AND COSTS FOR THE CONSENT OR RELINQUISHMENT OF A CHILD FOR ADOPTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COURT MAY APPROVE AN ADOPTION WHILE NOT APPROVING UNREASONABLE FEES AND COSTS; TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-1700, RELATING TO FUTURE CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS AFTER THE CONSENT OR RELINQUISHMENT HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR AN ADOPTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GIVING OF CONSENT OR RELINQUISHMENT FOR AN ADOPTION RELIEVES A PERSON OF ALL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS, INCLUDING FUTURE CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-1770, RELATING TO OPEN AND COOPERATIVE ADOPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A FINAL ADOPTION DECREE IS NOT AFFECTED BY AN AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BEFORE THE ADOPTION BETWEEN A CHILD'S ADOPTIVE AND BIOLOGICAL PARENTS CONCERNING VISITATION, EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, OR OTHER INTERACTION BETWEEN THE CHILD AND ANY OTHER PERSON.

<b>04/24/02</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Introduced, read first time, placed on calendar without reference SJ-8</b>
<b>04/25/02</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read second time SJ-19</b>
<b>04/30/02</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read third time and sent to House SJ-19</b>
<b>05/01/02</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time HJ-5</b>
<b>05/01/02</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Judiciary HJ-6</b>
<b>05/08/02</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Recalled from Committee on Judiciary HJ-35</b>
<b>05/15/02</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Debate adjourned until Thursday, May 16, 2002 HJ-80</b>
<b>05/16/02</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Requests for debate-Rep(s). Altman, Cooper, Sharpe, Thompson, White, GM Smith, Bales and Harrison HJ-22</b>
<b>05/29/02</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read second time HJ-140</b>
<b>05/29/02</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Roll call Yeas-79 Nays-0 HJ-142</b>
<b>05/30/02</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read third time and enrolled HJ-29</b>
<b>06/04/02</b>		<b>Ratified R 423</b>
<b>07/19/02</b>		<b>Signed By Governor</b>
<b>08/06/02</b>		<b>Effective date 07/19/02</b>
<b>08/06/02</b>		<b>Copies available</b>
<b>08/06/02</b>		<b>Act No. 345</b>