

Session 107 - (1987-1988)

H 3230 General Bill, By Koon

A Bill to amend Section 20-3-10, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the grounds for divorce, so as to restate those grounds in accordance with changes to the constitutional provision concerning divorces; to amend Section 20-3-130, relating to the award of alimony and other allowances, so as to provide that no party who sues for separation or divorce may be awarded alimony or separate maintenance at the conclusion of that suit or at any later time, nor may anyone be awarded any increase in alimony or separate maintenance payments which are awarded prior to or after the effective date of this Act unless the other party is or was strictly proven to be guilty of adultery, desertion, physical cruelty, or alcohol or drug abuse, provide for when the proof must be given, and provide for what the court may consider in determining whether alimony or separate maintenance payments are to be awarded; to amend Sections 20-3-120, 20-3-140, and 20-3-170, relating to alimony or to suit money and alimony, so as to subject the provisions of those Sections to Section 20-3-130; and to provide that this Act is effective upon ratification of separate legislation which amends Section 3 of Article XVII of the Constitution of this State regarding changes to the grounds for divorce.

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