

## Session 121 - (2015-2016)

### H 4003 General Bill, By Horne, King and Putnam

**Summary:** Therapeutic use of cannabis

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE THERAPEUTIC USE OF CANNABIS BY CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS AND FOR CERTAIN DISEASES AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS; TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN PHYSICIANS TO RECOMMEND THE THERAPEUTIC USE OF CANNABIS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS TO ACT AS CAREGIVERS FOR PATIENTS TO ASSIST IN THE THERAPEUTIC USE OF CANNABIS UNDER LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES; TO CREATE A CONFIDENTIAL REGISTRY THROUGH WHICH TO ISSUE IDENTIFICATION CARDS TO REGISTERED PATIENTS AND REGISTERED CAREGIVERS AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE IN THE THERAPEUTIC USE OF CANNABIS; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DEFENSES AND OTHER PROTECTIONS TO REGISTERED PATIENTS, REGISTERED CAREGIVERS, AND PHYSICIANS FROM CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AND SANCTIONS AND PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE FOR CONDUCT AUTHORIZED BY THIS ARTICLE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT CENTERS TO CULTIVATE, GROW, AND SELL CANNABIS FOR THERAPEUTIC USE; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DEFENSES AND PROTECTIONS TO ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT CENTERS FOR CONDUCT AUTHORIZED BY THIS ARTICLE; TO ALLOW ESTABLISHMENT OF CERTAIN FEES; TO CREATE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THE TERMS OF THE ARTICLE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FORMS, PROCESSES, AND REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE ARTICLE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; AND TO REPEAL ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES THERAPEUTIC RESEARCH.

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