

## Session 113 - (1999-2000)

### H 4626 General Bill, By Cobb-Hunter

**Summary:** Trade practice, unfair act to rent or sell commodities at unconscionable price during emergency; Civil Defense, Consumer

A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES ACT, BY ADDING SECTION 39-5-145 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE RENTAL AND SALE OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES AND RENTAL AND LEASE OF DWELLING UNITS, INCLUDING MOTEL OR HOTEL UNITS OR OTHER TEMPORARY LODGING, OR SELF-STORAGE FACILITIES AT AN UNCONSCIONABLE PRICE DURING AND WITHIN THE AREA OF A DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY, TO DEFINE "COMMODITY" AND "UNCONSCIONABLE PRICE", TO ESTABLISH EVIDENTIARY STANDARDS FOR ACTIONS BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THESE PROVISIONS OR LOCAL ORDINANCES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADDITIONAL CIVIL PENALTY OF UP TO TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR VIOLATIONS OCCURRING OVER A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR PERIOD AND FOR A CRIMINAL PENALTY OF IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN THIRTY DAYS FOR A WILFUL VIOLATION OF THESE PROVISIONS.

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