

## Session 116 - (2005-2006)

**H\*4678 (Rat #0424, Act #0362 of 2006) General Bill, By G.M. Smith, Weeks and Coates**

**Summary:** Infants voluntarily left at hospital

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-85, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO INFANTS VOLUNTARILY LEFT AT A HOSPITAL BY A PARENT OR AT THE DIRECTION OF A PARENT AND PROVIDING IMMUNITY TO SUCH PARENT OR PERSON UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INFANT MAY ALSO BE LEFT AT A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, A FIRE STATION, AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES STATION, OR A STAFFED HOUSE OF WORSHIP; TO INCLUDE THESE LOCATIONS, AS WELL AS HOSPITALS, IN THE DEFINITION OF "SAFE HAVEN", TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH IMMUNITY ATTACHES WHEN AN INFANT IS LEFT IN THE PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF A STAFF MEMBER OR EMPLOYEE OF A SAFE HAVEN, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, FIRE STATION, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES STATION, OR A HOUSE OF WORSHIP MUST TRANSPORT AN INFANT TO A HOSPITAL WHEN THE INFANT IS LEFT AT SUCH A LOCATION. - ratified title

02/16/06	House	Introduced and read first time HJ-38
02/16/06	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary HJ-38
03/09/06	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Coates
03/15/06	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary HJ-3
03/16/06	House	Amended HJ-16
03/16/06	House	Read second time HJ-17
03/16/06	House	Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day HJ-17
03/17/06	House	Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-2
03/21/06	Senate	Introduced and read first time SJ-10
03/21/06	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary SJ-10
03/21/06	Senate	Referred to Subcommittee: Ritchie (ch), Rankin, Lourie, Scott
05/24/06	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary SJ-19
05/25/06	Senate	Amended SJ-69
05/25/06	Senate	Read second time SJ-69
05/31/06	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments
06/01/06	House	Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled HJ-45
06/07/06		Ratified R 424
06/12/06		Signed By Governor
06/15/06		Copies available
06/15/06		Effective date 06/12/06
06/23/06		Act No. 362