

Session 116 - (2005-2006)

H 4987 General Bill, By Whipper

Summary: Physical Fitness Services Act

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 79 OF TITLE 44, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, THE PHYSICAL FITNESS SERVICES ACT, SO AS TO DELETE A TANNING CENTER AND MARTIAL ARTS STUDIO FROM ITS APPLICABILITY, PROVIDE FOR PERMANENT CLOSURE OF A SUBJECT FACILITY AS AN EVENT ALLOWING CANCELLATION OF A CONTRACT, DEFINE "PERMANENT CLOSURE", PROVIDE FOR RETURN OF UNEARNED PAYMENTS AND ANY EVIDENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS TO THE CANCELING CUSTOMER, THAT A SUBJECT CONTRACT MUST NOT BE SOLD OR ASSIGNED WITHOUT THE CUSTOMER'S CONSENT OR REQUIRE A CUSTOMER TO AFFIRMATIVELY CANCEL THE CONTRACT TO STOP AUTOMATIC RENEWAL, THAT A CONTRACT MAY BE ON A MONTH-TO-MONTH BASIS AND MAY BE PAID FOR BY AUTOMATIC DEBITS SUBJECT TO CERTAIN LIMITATIONS, THAT A SUBJECT CONTRACT IS VOIDABLE BY THE CUSTOMER IF THE FACILITY FAILS TO OBTAIN THE REQUISITE CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY, AND THAT THE PROVISIONS ARE ENFORCEABLE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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