

## Session 121 - (2015-2016)

### H 5160 General Bill, By Ott and Burns

**Similar (S 0979, S 0981)**

#### **Summary:** Veterinarians

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 40-69-300 SO AS TO PROVIDE ALL ANIMAL SHELTERS THAT PROVIDE VETERINARY SERVICES IN THIS STATE ARE SUBJECT TO SUPERVISION AND REGULATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION, TO REQUIRE ANIMAL SHELTERS AND VETERINARIANS WHO PROVIDE VETERINARY SERVICES IN ANIMAL SHELTERS TO MAINTAIN AND REPORT CERTAIN DATA TO THE DEPARTMENT, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT MAKE THESE REPORTS AVAILABLE ON ITS INTERNET WEBSITE, TO PROVIDE THE RANGE OF VETERINARY SERVICES ALLOWED IN ANIMAL SHELTERS, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 40-69-305 SO AS TO PROHIBIT DISPENSING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO OWNERS OF END-USERS FOR THE TREATMENT OF BODILY INJURIES OR DISEASES OF ANIMALS IN SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-69-295, RELATING TO MOBILE VETERINARY FACILITIES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THESE FACILITIES MUST IDENTIFY THE CLOSEST LOCAL EMERGENCY VETERINARY SERVICES FACILITY AND COMMUNICATE IT IN A CERTAIN MANNER, TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF MOBILE VETERINARY FACILITIES WITHIN SPECIFIC DISTANCES OF PRIVATELY OWNED VETERINARY PRACTICES, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-9600, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO "NO MORE HOMELESS PETS" LICENSE PLATES AND A RELATED FUND ESTABLISHED TO SUPPORT LOCAL ANIMAL SPAYING AND NEUTERING EFFORTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF A RELATED GRANTS PROGRAM BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL ASSOCIATION OR ITS SUCCESSOR, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SHALL PROVIDE AN ANNUAL ACCOUNTING AND SUMMARY OF THIS PROGRAM TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO PROVIDE LOCAL NONPROFIT SPAYING AND NEUTERING PROGRAMS MUST PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION TO THE ASSOCIATION BEFORE THEY MAY RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENTS FOR SERVICES FROM THE FUND, AND TO PROVIDE THE ASSOCIATION SHALL PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WITH CERTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO BRING IN ANIMALS FOR SPAYING OR NEUTERING AND THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS BROUGHT IN BY EACH OF THESE INDIVIDUALS.

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