

Session 116 - (2005-2006)

**S 0090 General Bill, By McConnell, Moore, Knotts, Campsen, Hayes, Elliott, Alexander, Gregory, Fair, Grooms and Richardson**  
***Similar (S 0045, S 0104, H 3032, H 3140, H 3180)***

**Summary:** Same Sex Marriage Bill

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 20-1-15, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST SAME SEX MARRIAGES, TO PROVIDE THAT SAME SEX MARRIAGES IN SOUTH CAROLINA HAVE NO LEGAL FORCE OR EFFECT; TO PROVIDE THAT SAME SEX MARRIAGES ENTERED INTO IN ANY OTHER JURISDICTION HAVE NO LEGAL FORCE OR EFFECT IN THIS STATE; TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS AGAINST PUBLIC POLICY TO EXTEND OR RECOGNIZE STATUTORY BENEFITS OF A LEGAL MARRIAGE TO NONMARITAL SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE THAT ANY PUBLIC ACT, RECORD, OR JUDICIAL PROCEEDING OF THIS STATE THAT EXTENDS SUCH BENEFITS TO NONMARITAL SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS HAS NO LEGAL FORCE OR EFFECT IN THIS STATE; TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS FOR BENEFITS ENJOYED BY ALL PERSONS, MARRIED OR UNMARRIED, AND FOR PRIVATE AGREEMENTS VALID UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE; TO PROVIDE THAT BENEFITS OF A LEGAL MARRIAGE EXTENDED TO NONMARITAL SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION HAVE NO LEGAL FORCE OR EFFECT IN THIS STATE; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE KNOWING ISSUANCE OF A MARRIAGE LICENSE TO SAME SEX COUPLES IS A MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE PUNISHABLE BY UP TO A ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR FINE AND THIRTY DAYS IMPRISONMENT, OR BOTH.

- 12/15/04 Senate Prefiled**
- 12/15/04 Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary**
- 01/11/05 Senate Introduced and read first time SJ-127**
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