**South Carolina General Assembly**

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**S. 1130**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

General Bill

Sponsors: Senators Kimbrell and Garrett

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Introduced in the Senate on March 8, 2022

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Summary: Medical practitioners and health care payers

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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3/8/2022 Senate Referred to Committee on **Medical Affairs** ([Senate Journal‑page 10](file:///h:\sj\20220308.docx))

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3/10/2022 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Medical Affairs** ([Senate Journal‑page 8](file:///h:\sj\20220310.docx))

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March 10, 2022

**S. 1130**

Introduced by Senator Kimbrell

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Read the first time March 8, 2022.

**THE COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL AFFAIRS**

To whom was referred a Bill (S. 1130) to amend Title 44 of the 1976 Code, relating to health, by adding Chapter 139 to provide that local laws and ordinances related to the regulation and enforcement of the right, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

Has polled the Bill out of committee without report.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND TITLE 44 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO HEALTH, BY ADDING CHAPTER 139 TO PROVIDE THAT LOCAL LAWS AND ORDINANCES RELATED TO THE REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE RIGHT OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS, HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS, AND HEALTH CARE PAYERS TO EXERCISE THEIR CONSCIENCE, WHETHER SUCH CONSCIENCE IS INFORMED BY RELIGION, MORAL, ETHICAL, OR PHILOSOPHIC BELIEFS, ARE PREEMPTED AND SUPERSEDED BY LAWS ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY STATE AGENCIES PURSUANT TO THOSE LAWS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Title 44 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“CHAPTER 139

Medical Ethics and Diversity

Section 44‑139‑10. It is the intent of the General Assembly to occupy the field of regulating the right of conscience for medical practitioners, health care institutions, and health care payers. All local laws and ordinances enacted by a political subdivision of this State related to the regulation and enforcement of the right of medical practitioners, health care institutions, and health care payers to exercise their conscience, whether such conscience is informed by religion, moral, ethical, or philosophic beliefs, are preempted and superseded by laws enacted by the General Assembly and regulations promulgated by state agencies pursuant to those laws.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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