

## Session 124 - (2021-2022)

**S\*0001 (Rat #0002, Act #0001 of 2021) General Bill, By Grooms, Verdin, Kimbrell, Garrett, Martin, Shealy, Climer, Corbin, Cromer, Rice, Adams, Hembree, Gambrell, Loftis and Campsen**

**Summary:** SC Fetal Heartbeat Protection From Abortion Act

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA FETAL HEARTBEAT AND PROTECTION FROM ABORTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44 SO AS TO REQUIRE TESTING FOR A DETECTABLE FETAL HEARTBEAT BEFORE AN ABORTION IS PERFORMED ON A PREGNANT WOMAN, TO PROHIBIT THE PERFORMANCE OF AN ABORTION IF A FETAL HEARTBEAT IS DETECTED, TO PROVIDE MEDICAL EMERGENCY AND OTHER EXCEPTIONS, TO REQUIRE CERTAIN DOCUMENTATION AND RECORDKEEPING BY PHYSICIANS PERFORMING ABORTIONS, TO REQUIRE PHYSICIANS TO NOTIFY LAW ENFORCEMENT AFTER PERFORMING AN ABORTION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO CREATE A CIVIL ACTION FOR A PREGNANT WOMAN UPON WHOM AN ABORTION IS PERFORMED, TO CREATE CRIMINAL PENALTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; TO AMEND SECTION 44-41-460, RELATING TO THE REQUIRED REPORTING OF ABORTION DATA TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, SO AS TO ADD REPORTING OF FETAL HEARTBEAT TESTING AND PATIENT MEDICAL CONDITION DATA; TO AMEND SECTION 44-41-330, RELATING TO A PREGNANT WOMAN'S RIGHT TO KNOW CERTAIN PREGNANCY INFORMATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE NOTIFICATION OF THE DETECTION OF A FETAL HEARTBEAT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44-41-60, RELATING TO ABORTION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO ADD REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. - ratified title

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12/09/20	Senate	Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs
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01/25/21	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Medical Affairs (Senate Journal-page 2)
01/26/21	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 5)
01/26/21	Senate	Debate interrupted (Senate Journal-page 5)
01/27/21		Scrivener's error corrected
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01/27/21	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 6)
01/27/21	Senate	Roll call Ayes-29 Nays-17 (Senate Journal-page 6)
01/28/21		Scrivener's error corrected
01/28/21	Senate	Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 12)
01/28/21	Senate	Roll call Ayes-30 Nays-13 (Senate Journal-page 12)
02/02/21	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 7)
02/02/21	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 7)
02/10/21	House	Committee report: Favorable Judiciary (House Journal-page 2)
02/16/21	House	Requests for debate-Rep(s). Hiott, Simrill, Hixon, Carter, Whitmire, Caskey, Huggins, Davis, Bannister, GR Smith, VS Moss, Stringer, King, Nutt, Allison, Oremus, B Newton, T Moore, Pope, Elliott, Clyburn, Hosey, JL Johnson, Bailey, Fry, Hewitt, Jordon, Yow, Gilliam, Sandifer, McGinnis, Hardee, Gatch, R Williams, Brawley, Jefferson, McCravy, MM Smith, Brittain, Weeks, Danning, Cobb-Hunter, Thayer, Kimmons, Gagnon, (House Journal-page 8)
02/17/21	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 26)
02/17/21	House	Roll call Yeas-79 Nays-35 (House Journal-page 41)
02/18/21	House	Read third time and enrolled (House Journal-page 73)
02/18/21	House	Roll call Yeas-74 Nays-39 (House Journal-page 74)
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