

Session 114 - (2001-2002)

S*1249 (Rat #0423, Act #0345 of 2002) General Bill, By Short and Fair

Summary: Guardian ad litem, counsel appointed for; provisions regarding adoptions

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-1570, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO COUNSEL FOR A GUARDIAN AD LITEM, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT COUNSEL MUST BE APPOINTED FOR A GUARDIAN AD LITEM WHO IS NOT AN ATTORNEY IN ANY CASE THAT IS CONTESTED; TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-1690, RELATING TO THE REIMBURSEMENT FOR FEES AND COSTS FOR THE CONSENT OR RELINQUISHMENT OF A CHILD FOR ADOPTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COURT MAY APPROVE AN ADOPTION WHILE NOT APPROVING UNREASONABLE FEES AND COSTS; TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-1700, RELATING TO FUTURE CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS AFTER THE CONSENT OR RELINQUISHMENT HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR AN ADOPTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GIVING OF CONSENT OR RELINQUISHMENT FOR AN ADOPTION RELIEVES A PERSON OF ALL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS, INCLUDING FUTURE CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-1770, RELATING TO OPEN AND COOPERATIVE ADOPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A FINAL ADOPTION DECREE IS NOT AFFECTED BY AN AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BEFORE THE ADOPTION BETWEEN A CHILD'S ADOPTIVE AND BIOLOGICAL PARENTS CONCERNING VISITATION, EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, OR OTHER INTERACTION BETWEEN THE CHILD AND ANY OTHER PERSON.

04/24/02	Senate	Introduced, read first time, placed on calendar without reference SJ-8
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04/30/02	Senate	Read third time and sent to House SJ-19
05/01/02	House	Introduced and read first time HJ-5
05/01/02	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary HJ-6
05/08/02	House	Recalled from Committee on Judiciary HJ-35
05/15/02	House	Debate adjourned until Thursday, May 16, 2002 HJ-80
05/16/02	House	Requests for debate-Rep(s). Altman, Cooper, Sharpe, Thompson, White, GM Smith, Bales and Harrison HJ-22
05/29/02	House	Read second time HJ-140
05/29/02	House	Roll call Yeas-79 Nays-0 HJ-142
05/30/02	House	Read third time and enrolled HJ-29
06/04/02		Ratified R 423
07/19/02		Signed By Governor
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