

## Session 125 - (2023-2024)

### S 0240 General Bill, By Garrett and Verdin

*Similar (H 3552, H 3774)*

#### **Summary:** Abortion Ban with Exceptions

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "HUMAN LIFE PROTECTION ACT"; SO AS TO AMEND CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE BY ADDING ARTICLE 7, SO AS TO BAN ABORTIONS IN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE FOR EXCEPTIONS TO THE BAN ON ABORTIONS, TO PROTECT THE USE OF CONTRACEPTIVES AND ALTERNATIVE REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES, TO PROVIDE A CIVIL CAUSE OF ACTION FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE, TO PROVIDE THAT A WOMAN CANNOT BE CONVICTED FOR HAVING AN ABORTION, TO PROVIDE THAT PHYSICIANS OR OTHER LICENSED PROFESSIONALS SHALL LOSE THEIR LICENSE FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A WOMAN'S NAME MAY REMAIN ANONYMOUS IN PROCEEDINGS INITIATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE; BY ADDING SECTION 44-41-90 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM MAY NOT PAY FOR ABORTIONS, TO PROHIBIT STATE FUNDS FROM BEING USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF FETAL TISSUE OR FETAL REMAINS OBTAINED FROM AN ABORTION, AND TO DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD; BY ADDING SECTION 63-17-325 SO AS TO REQUIRE A BIOLOGICAL FATHER TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT BEGINNING AT CONCEPTION; BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-146 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE AND HMO POLICIES TO COVER CONTRACEPTIVES, TO REQUIRE PEBA TO COVER PRESCRIBED CONTRACEPTIVES FOR DEPENDENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-41-710, RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION AND APPLICATION OF ARTICLE, SO AS TO REMOVE LANGUAGE RELATED TO IMPLICIT REPEAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-41-480, RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION AGAINST IMPLICIT REPEAL OF EXISTING LAW, SO AS TO REMOVE LANGUAGE RELATED TO IMPLICIT REPEAL; REPEAL SECTION 44-41-20; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-41-70, RELATING TO PROMULGATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION OF HOSPITALS AND OTHER FACILITIES, SO AS TO DELETE A REFERENCE TO SECTION 44-41-20; AND TO PROVIDE AN UNCONDITIONAL RIGHT TO INTERVENE IN CHALLENGES TO THIS ACT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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