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**H 3140 General Bill, By Altman, G.R. Smith, Coates, Barfield, Viers, Mahaffey, Sandifer and Clark
Similar (S 0045, S 0090, S 0104, H 3032, 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 OF SAME SEX MARRIAGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY ATTEMPTED UNION BETWEEN PERSONS OF THE SAME SEX IS VOID, TO PROVIDE THAT SAME SEX MARRIAGES IN ANY OTHER JURISDICTION HAS NO LEGAL FORCE OR EFFECT IN THIS STATE OR ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS; AND TO ADD SECTION 20-1-17 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS AGAINST THE STRONG PUBLIC POLICY OF THIS STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO EXTEND OR RECOGNIZE STATUTORY BENEFITS OF A LEGAL MARRIAGE TO NONMARITAL RELATIONSHIPS; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PUBLIC ACT, RECORD, OR JUDICIAL PROCEEDING OF THIS STATE OR ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS THAT EXTENDS SUCH BENEFITS TO NONMARITAL RELATIONSHIPS IS VOID; TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS FOR BENEFITS ENJOYED BY ALL PERSONS, MARRIED OR UNMARRIED, AND FOR PRIVATE AGREEMENTS VALID UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE; AND TO PROVIDE THAT BENEFITS OF A LEGAL MARRIAGE EXTENDED TO NONMARITAL RELATIONSHIPS IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION HAVE NO LEGAL FORCE OR EFFECT IN THIS STATE OR ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

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