

Session 115 - (2003-2004)

H 3165 General Bill, By Harrison, Lucas, G.M. Smith, Cobb-Hunter, Cotty and Weeks

Summary: Mentally retarded person not subject to death penalty; mental retardation deleted as mitigating circumstance in murder cases

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-29 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON CONVICTED OF MURDER WHO WAS MENTALLY RETARDED AT THE TIME OF THE OFFENSE MUST NOT BE SENTENCED TO DEATH, BUT MUST BE SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-20, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PUNISHMENT FOR MURDER, SO AS TO DELETE MENTAL RETARDATION AS A MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCE.

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