

## Session 115 - (2003-2004)

**H\*3199 (Rat #0155, Act #0094 of 2003) General Bill, By J.E. Smith, Harrison, Cobb-Hunter, Altman, Bailey, Richardson and Cotty**

**Summary:** Child abuse and neglect, members of clergy required to report unless protected by statutory priest-penitent privilege

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-510, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PERSONS REQUIRED TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, SO AS TO INCLUDE A MEMBER OF THE CLERGY, INCLUDING CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PRACTITIONERS AND RELIGIOUS HEALERS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-550, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS WHICH APPLY AND WHICH DO NOT APPLY WITH REGARD TO REPORTING CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT, SO AS TO REQUIRE A PRIEST, INCLUDING CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PRACTITIONERS AND RELIGIOUS HEALERS, TO REPORT EXCEPT WHEN THE COMMUNICATION IS RECEIVED FROM THE ALLEGED PERPETRATOR DURING A COMMUNICATION PROTECTED BY THE PRIEST-PENITENT PRIVILEGE PURSUANT TO SECTION 19-11-90. - ratified title

12/11/02	House	Prefiled
12/11/02	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary
01/14/03	House	Introduced and read first time HJ-78
01/14/03	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary HJ-78
02/04/03	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Cotty
02/05/03	House	Committee report: Favorable Judiciary HJ-10
02/06/03	House	Read second time HJ-27
02/06/03	House	Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day HJ-28
02/06/03		Scrivener's error corrected
02/07/03	House	Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-2
02/11/03	Senate	Introduced and read first time SJ-5
02/11/03	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary SJ-5
05/21/03	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary SJ-9
05/22/03	Senate	Amended SJ-25
05/22/03	Senate	Read second time SJ-25
06/04/03	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments SJ-73
06/05/03	House	Senate amendment amended HJ-22
06/05/03	House	Returned to Senate with amendments HJ-22
06/05/03	Senate	Concurred in House amendment and enrolled SJ-173
06/05/03		Ratified R 155
07/25/03		Signed By Governor
09/15/03		Effective date See Act for Effective Date
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