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**H 3242 General Bill, By Knotts, Cotty, Davenport, Keegan, J.D. McMaster, Rice, Riser, Robinson, Seithel, Simrill, Stuart and Whatley
Similar (S 0055)**

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-1080 SO AS TO PROVIDE MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES FOR CERTAIN CRIMES MOTIVATED BY THE VICTIM'S RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ETHNICITY, PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS PROVISION DOES NOT PROHIBIT A SENTENCE GREATER THAN A MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCE OF THIRTY YEARS WHEN IT IS PROVIDED IN ANOTHER SECTION OF LAW; AND TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-20, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE SEPARATE SENTENCING PROCEEDING TO DETERMINE WHETHER A PERSON CONVICTED OF MURDER SHOULD BE SENTENCED TO DEATH OR LIFE IMPRISONMENT, SO AS TO ADD MOTIVATION BY A VICTIM'S ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ETHNICITY, OR PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY AS AN AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCE TO CONSIDER WHEN A SENTENCE FOR MURDER IS BEING DETERMINED.

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