

Session 115 - (2003-2004)

H 3371 General Bill, By Rice, McGee and Cotty

Summary: South Carolina Health, Human, and Medicaid Services Reorganization and Accountability Act of 2003/Cigarette Tax

A BILL TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HEALTH, HUMAN, AND MEDICAID SERVICES REORGANIZATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2003"; TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 1-30-125 SO AS TO CREATE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, HUMAN, AND MEDICAID SERVICES TO BE HEADED BY A SECRETARY TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE WHICH IS THE SINGLE STATE AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSEEING ALL OTHER STATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES AND FOR THE DELIVER OF HEALTH, HUMAN, AND MEDICAID SERVICES TO THE CITIZENS OF THIS STATE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT EXISTING SPECIFIED AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS OF THIS STATE MUST BECOME PART OF THIS NEWLY CREATED DEPARTMENT; BY ADDING CHAPTER 64 TO TITLE 2 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN, AND MEDICAID SERVICES AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP, FUNCTIONS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES; BY ADDING CHAPTER 8 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A MEDICAID COST CONTAINMENT ACTION PLAN; BY ADDING SECTION 44-8-50 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, HUMAN, AND MEDICAID SERVICES ENTERPRISE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM; BY ADDING SECTION 2-15-67 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL SHALL EMPLOY A SENIOR AUDITOR AND OTHER AUDITORS NECESSARY TO PERFORM REGULAR AUDITS OF THE ENTITIES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, HUMAN, AND MEDICAID SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTION 12-21-625 SO AS TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL LICENSE TAX ON EACH CIGARETTE SUBJECT TO THE LICENSE TAX ON CIGARETTES IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 2.1 CENTS ON EACH CIGARETTE, TO ESTABLISH THE HEALTH, HUMAN, AND MEDICAID SERVICES REORGANIZATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY FUND TO RECEIVE THE REVENUE OF THIS TAX AND PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF THIS FUND FOR REORGANIZATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH PURPOSES, TO CREATE A MEDICAID MATCHING FUND, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ADDITIONAL TAX; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44-6-155, RELATING TO THE MEDICAID EXPANSION FUND, SO AS TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE FUND THE TAX IMPOSED BY SECTION 12-21-625.

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