

## Session 119 - (2011-2012)

### H 3543 General Bill, By Hart and Weeks

#### Summary: Bench warrants

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 17-15-175 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A JUDGE MAY NOT ISSUE A BENCH WARRANT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR UNLESS THE SOLICITOR FILES AN AFFIDAVIT WITH THE COURT TO CONFIRM THAT WRITTEN NOTICE OF HIS INTENT TO SEEK A BENCH WARRANT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE DEFENDANT, HIS ATTORNEY, AND THE BOND SURETY COMPANY AND TO REQUIRE THE COURT TO HOLD A RULE TO SHOW CAUSE HEARING BEFORE ISSUING THE BENCH WARRANT.

**02/02/11 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 16)**  
**02/02/11 House Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 16)**  
**04/06/11 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Weeks**  
**04/06/11 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (House Journal-page 6)**  
**04/13/11 House Amended (House Journal-page 31)**  
**04/13/11 House Read second time (House Journal-page 31)**  
**04/13/11 House Roll call Yeas-106 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 31)**  
**04/14/11 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 9)**  
**04/14/11 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 8)**  
**04/14/11 Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 8)**  
**01/09/12 Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Hutto (ch), Rose, Shoopman**  
**05/09/12 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 8)**