

## Session 125 - (2023-2024)

### **S 0366 General Bill, By Shealy, Senn, Gustafson and Davis**

#### **Summary:** Abortion During First Trimester

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-41-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING ABORTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR FATAL FETAL ANOMALY AND MEDICAL EMERGENCY AND TO REMOVE DEFINITIONS THAT ARE NO LONGER NECESSARY; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-41-20, RELATING TO LEGAL ABORTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO PERFORM ABORTIONS AFTER THE FIRST TRIMESTER OF PREGNANCY WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR MEDICAL PERSONNEL ACTING CONSISTENTLY WITH THE CURRENT STANDARD OF CARE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-41-30(C), RELATING TO PERSONS FROM WHOM CONSENT IS REQUIRED, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CONSENT IS NOT NECESSARY IN A MEDICAL EMERGENCY AND A WOMAN IS INCAPABLE OF GIVING CONSENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-41-30(D), RELATING TO PERSONS FROM WHOM CONSENT IS REQUIRED, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT RESULTING IN A PREGNANCY MUST BE REPORTED; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-41-80, RELATING TO PERFORMING OR SOLICITING UNLAWFUL ABORTION; TESTIMONY OF A WOMAN MAY BE COMPELLED, SO AS TO REPEAL PROVISIONS THAT COULD LEAD TO A WOMAN BEING PROSECUTED FOR AN ABORTION AND TO REMOVE PROVISIONS REQUIRING A WOMAN TO TESTIFY IN CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS INITIATED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44; AND TO REPEAL ARTICLE 5 AND ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44.

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