

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

H 4188 General Bill, By Pope, B. Newton, M.M. Smith, B.L. Cox, Brewer, Ford, Davis and Robbins

Summary: Coroners, disposition of unidentified or unclaimed remains

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-5-590, RELATING TO DISPOSITION OF REMAINS OF UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODIES BY CORONERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE UNCLAIMED REMAINS IN THE PURVIEW OF THE STATUTE, AND TO AUTHORIZE CORONERS TO RELEASE REMAINS TO FAMILY MEMBERS, RATHER THAN THE NEXT OF KIN, WHEN THE NEXT OF KIN IS CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OR OTHERWISE UNCOOPERATIVE IN CLAIMING REMAINS.

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01/28/26 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: M.M.Smith, B.L.Cox, Brewer, Ford, Davis, Robbins

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