

## Session 116 - (2005-2006)

**H 4191 General Bill, By Neilson, Cotty, Battle, Cobb-Hunter, Emory, Hosey, Jefferson, Jennings, Leach, Littlejohn, Mahaffey, Owens, Parks, Phillips, Rhoad, Rice, Sinclair, J.R. Smith and Weeks**

**Summary:** Volunteer Long Term Care Advocate Program

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 38, TITLE 43 SO AS TO CREATE THE VOLUNTEER LONG TERM CARE ADVOCATE PROGRAM UNDER THE LONG TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; TO ESTABLISH THE STRUCTURE OF THE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE THAT A VOLUNTEER ADVOCATE MAY NOT SERVE UNTIL THE VOLUNTEER HAS UNDERGONE A CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT INITIALLY TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM FOR THREE YEARS IN LIMITED AREAS USING FUNDS FROM CIVIL PENALTIES; TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM AS FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE; TO PROVIDE IMMUNITY FOR NURSING HOMES FOR ACTS OF A VOLUNTEER ADVOCATE; AND TO DESIGNATE SECTIONS 43-38-10 THROUGH 43-38-60 AS ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 38, TITLE 43 AND TO NAME ARTICLE 1 "HEALTH FACILITY INVESTIGATIONS".

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