

## Session 116 - (2005-2006)

### **H 4357 General Bill, By Townsend, Bailey, Altman, Kirsh and Clark**

**Summary:** Unlawful to falsify or alter or use a false degree

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-13-15, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO FALSIFYING OR ALTERING A TRANSCRIPT OR DIPLOMA AND FRAUDULENT USE OF FALSIFIED OR ALTERED TRANSCRIPT OR DIPLOMA, SO AS TO INCLUDE FALSIFYING OR ALTERING A DEGREE AND FRAUDULENT USE OF A FALSIFIED OR ALTERED DEGREE, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO KNOWINGLY ISSUE, MANUFACTURE, OR USE A FALSE POSTSECONDARY DEGREE, CERTIFICATE, DIPLOMA, TRANSCRIPT, OR OTHER ACADEMIC CREDENTIAL FOR GENERAL ACADEMIC OR PROFESSIONAL PURPOSES FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES INCLUDING TO OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION TO CHARGE A REASONABLE FEE TO CONDUCT A REVIEW TO DETERMINE IF CERTAIN CREDENTIALS REPORTED BY AN APPLICANT ARE VALID.

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