

## Session 121 - (2015-2016)

**H 4538 General Bill, By Hicks, Lucas, Delleney, G.M. Smith, Brannon, Bedingfield, Burns, Chumley, Corley, H.A. Crawford, Daning, Erickson, Gambrell, Goldfinch, Hamilton, Henderson, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Huggins, Kennedy, Norman, Pitts, Putnam, Rivers, G.R. Smith, Taylor, Thayer, Toole, Merrill, Yow, Hardee, Tallon and Atwater**

**Summary:** Defunding the Abortion Industry and Advancing Women's Health Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44 SO AS TO ENACT THE "DEFUNDING THE ABORTION INDUSTRY AND ADVANCING WOMEN'S HEALTH ACT" TO PROVIDE FINDINGS, PURPOSES, AND DEFINITIONAL TERMS, TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS BY CERTAIN ENTITIES PERFORMING ABORTIONS OR CONDUCTING ABORTION-RELATED ACTIVITIES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND HEALTH FACILITIES, PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS, NONPUBLIC FAMILY PLANNING CONTRACTORS, AND LEGAL ADVOCATES, TO CREATE CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR NONPUBLIC FAMILY PLANNING CONTRACTORS THAT VIOLATE PROVISIONS OF THE ARTICLE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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