

## Session 115 - (2003-2004)

**H 4674 General Bill, By Coates, Loftis, Viers, Simrill, Witherspoon, Quinn, Altman, Barfield, Bingham, Clark, Clemmons, Davenport, Delleney, Duncan, Herbkersman, Hinson, Leach, Littlejohn, Mahaffey, McGee, Owens, Perry, Pinson, M.A. Pitts, Richardson, Scarborough, Sinclair, G.M. Smith, G.R. Smith, J.R. Smith, Stewart, Stille, Talley, Taylor, Toole, Tripp, Trotter, Vaughn, Walker, Whitmire, Wilkins, Chellis, Hayes, Anthony, Branham, M. Hines, J. Hines, Harrell, G.A. Brown, J.M. Neal, Huggins, Weeks, Emory, Sandifer, Hagood, Young, Rice, E.H. Pitts and Hamilton**  
***Similar (S 0996, H 4657)***

**Summary:** Same sex marriages have no legal force in SC

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 20-1-15, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF SAME SEX MARRIAGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SAME SEX MARRIAGES IN ANY OTHER JURISDICTION HAS NO LEGAL FORCE OR EFFECT IN THIS STATE; AND TO ADD SECTION 20-1-17 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS AGAINST PUBLIC POLICY TO EXTEND OR RECOGNIZE STATUTORY BENEFITS OF A LEGAL MARRIAGE TO NONMARITAL RELATIONSHIPS AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE THAT ANY PUBLIC ACT, RECORD, OR JUDICIAL PROCEEDING OF THIS STATE THAT EXTENDS SUCH BENEFITS TO NONMARITAL RELATIONSHIPS HAS NO LEGAL FORCE OR EFFECT IN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS FOR BENEFITS ENJOYED BY ALL PERSONS, MARRIED OR UNMARRIED, AND FOR PRIVATE AGREEMENTS VALID UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT BENEFITS OF A LEGAL MARRIAGE EXTENDED TO NONMARITAL RELATIONSHIPS IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION HAVE NO LEGAL FORCE OR EFFECT IN THIS STATE.

<b>02/03/04</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time HJ-12</b>
<b>02/03/04</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Judiciary HJ-13</b>
<b>02/04/04</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Chellis</b>
<b>02/05/04</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hayes, Anthony, Branham, M.Hines, J.Hines, Harrell, G.A.Brown, J.M.Neal, Huggins, Weeks</b>
<b>02/10/04</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Emory</b>
<b>02/11/04</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Umphlett</b>
<b>02/11/04</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Sandifer</b>
<b>02/17/04</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hagood, Young</b>
<b>02/19/04</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Rice</b>
<b>02/26/04</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: E.H.Pitts</b>
<b>03/09/04</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hamilton</b>