

## Session 113 - (1999-2000)

### **H\*4743 (Rat #0390, Act #0326 of 2000) General Bill, By D. Smith and Rodgers**

**Summary:** Safe Haven for Abandoned Babies Act, Minors, Medical, Hospitals, Social Services Department

A BILL TO ENACT THE "SAFE HAVEN FOR ABANDONED BABIES ACT" INCLUDING PROVISIONS TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 20-7-85 SO AS TO REQUIRE A HOSPITAL OR HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT FACILITY TO TAKE POSSESSION OF A CHILD VOLUNTARILY DELIVERED BY THE CHILD'S PARENT WHEN THE PARENT DID NOT EXPRESS AN INTENT TO RETURN FOR THE CHILD; TO PROVIDE ANONYMITY FOR THE PARENT AND CHILD BUT TO ALLOW THE HOSPITAL OR FACILITY TO REQUEST MEDICAL INFORMATION; TO REQUIRE THE HOSPITAL OR FACILITY TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES THAT A CHILD HAS BEEN TAKEN INTO POSSESSION; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CARE AND CUSTODY OF THE CHILD; AND TO GRANT A PARENT IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION FOR UNLAWFUL CONDUCT OR CRUELTY TOWARDS A CHILD OR ANY OTHER VIOLATION FOR LEAVING THE CHILD IF THE PARENT LEAVES THE CHILD WITH THE HOSPITAL OR FACILITY PERSONNEL, THE CHILD IS NO MORE THAN THIRTY DAYS OLD, AND THE CHILD HAS NOT SUSTAINED ANY PHYSICAL HARM OR INJURY.

<b>03/07/00</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time HJ-15</b>
<b>03/07/00</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Judiciary HJ-15</b>
<b>04/19/00</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary HJ-17</b>
<b>04/26/00</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Amended HJ-62</b>
<b>04/26/00</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read second time HJ-65</b>
<b>04/27/00</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-12</b>
<b>04/27/00</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Introduced, read first time, placed on calendar without reference SJ-4</b>
<b>05/02/00</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Amended SJ-27</b>
<b>05/02/00</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read second time SJ-27</b>
<b>05/03/00</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read third time and returned to House with amendments SJ-19</b>
<b>05/09/00</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate amendment amended HJ-50</b>
<b>05/09/00</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Returned to Senate with amendments HJ-52</b>
<b>05/17/00</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Non-concurrence in House amendment SJ-22</b>
<b>05/17/00</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>House insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Reps. D. Smith, Harris and Campsen HJ-122</b>
<b>05/23/00</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Conference committee appointed Sens. Bryan, Anderson, Short SJ-15</b>
<b>05/30/00</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Conference report received and adopted HJ-38</b>
<b>05/30/00</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Conference report received and adopted SJ-31</b>
<b>05/30/00</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Ordered enrolled for ratification SJ-31</b>
<b>05/31/00</b>		<b>Ratified R 390</b>
<b>06/06/00</b>		<b>Signed By Governor</b>
<b>06/14/00</b>		<b>Effective date 06/06/00</b>
<b>06/14/00</b>		<b>Copies available</b>
<b>06/14/00</b>		<b>Act No. 326</b>