

## Session 117 - (2007-2008)

**S\*0588 (Rat #0189, Act #0180 of 2008) General Bill, By McConnell, Lourie, Rankin, Land, Ritchie, Cromer and Ford Similar (H 3751)**

**Summary:** Small employer health group cooperative

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTIONS 38-71-1345, 38-71-1355, 38-71-1365, AND 38-71-1445 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS, POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESTRICTIONS OF A SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH GROUP COOPERATIVE, AND PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND STATISTICS OF THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY JANUARY 1, 2010, ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE HEALTH GROUP COOPERATIVE IN EXPANDING THE AVAILABILITY OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SMALL EMPLOYERS; AND BY AMENDING SECTIONS 38-71-1320, 38-71-1330, 38-71-1340, AND 38-71-1350, RELATING TO SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH INSURANCE AVAILABILITY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SMALL EMPLOYERS MAY FORM A COOPERATIVE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING HEALTH INSURANCE TO THEIR EMPLOYEES, REDEFINE "ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE" AND PROVIDE FOR THE DEFINITION OF "HEALTH GROUP COOPERATIVE", AND PROVIDE FOR THE GROUP SIZE FOR A HEALTH GROUP COOPERATIVE. - ratified title

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| 03/20/07 | Senate | Introduced and read first time SJ-2                           |
| 03/20/07 | Senate | Referred to Committee on Banking and Insurance SJ-2           |
| 05/08/07 | Senate | Polled out of committee Banking and Insurance SJ-8            |
| 05/08/07 | Senate | Committee report: Favorable Banking and Insurance SJ-8        |
| 05/09/07 | Senate | Read second time  |
| 05/15/07 | Senate | Read third time and sent to House SJ-17                       |
| 05/16/07 | House  | Introduced and read first time HJ-10                          |
| 05/16/07 | House  | Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry HJ-10   |
| 01/23/08 | House  | Committee report: Favorable Labor, Commerce and Industry HJ-2 |
| 01/29/08 | House  | Amended HJ-16   |
| 01/29/08 | House  | Read second time HJ-16  |
| 01/29/08 | House  | Roll call Yeas-105 Nays-0 HJ-18                               |
| 01/30/08 | House  | Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments HJ-16  |
| 02/05/08 | Senate | House amendment amended SJ-38                                 |
| 02/05/08 | Senate | Returned to House with amendments SJ-38                       |
| 02/06/08 |        | Scrivener's error corrected                                   |
| 02/07/08 | House  | Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled HJ-37              |
| 02/13/08 |        | Ratified R 189  |
| 02/19/08 |        | Signed By Governor  |
| 02/21/08 |        | Copies available  |
| 02/21/08 |        | Effective date 02/19/08                                       |
| 02/25/08 |        | Act No. 180   |