

## Session 116 - (2005-2006)

**H 3032 General Bill, By Coates, Pinson, G.R. Smith, Vaughn, Davenport, Sandifer, Barfield, Owens, Leach, E.H. Pitts, Viers, Taylor, Rice, Hinson, Clark, Walker, Simrill, Mahaffey, Toole, M.A. Pitts and Cato**

***Similar (S 0045, S 0090, S 0104, H 3140, H 3180)***

**Summary:** Same Sex Marriage Bill

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 20-1-15, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST SAME SEX MARRIAGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SAME SEX MARRIAGES IN ANY OTHER JURISDICTION HAVE 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.

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