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H 3140 General Bill, By Rutherford, Bamberg, Cobb-Hunter, M.S. McLeod, Pitts and McCoy

Summary: Put Patients First Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "PUT PATIENTS FIRST ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 22 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA BY CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS AND FOR CERTAIN DISEASES AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS; TO AUTHORIZE PHYSICIANS LICENSED IN GOOD STANDING IN THE STATE TO RECOMMEND THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS TO ACT AS CAREGIVERS FOR PATIENTS TO ASSIST IN THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA UNDER LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES; TO CREATE A CONFIDENTIAL REGISTRY THROUGH WHICH TO ISSUE IDENTIFICATION CARDS TO REGISTERED PATIENTS AND REGISTERED CAREGIVERS AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE IN THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DEFENSES AND OTHER PROTECTIONS TO REGISTERED PATIENTS, REGISTERED CAREGIVERS, AND PHYSICIANS FROM CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AND SANCTIONS AND PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE FOR CONDUCT AUTHORIZED BY THIS ARTICLE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF DISPENSARIES TO CULTIVATE, GROW, AND DISPENSE MARIJUANA FOR MEDICAL USE; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DEFENSES AND PROTECTIONS TO DISPENSARIES FOR CONDUCT AUTHORIZED BY THIS ARTICLE; TO ALLOW ESTABLISHMENT OF CERTAIN FEES; TO CREATE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THE TERMS OF THE ARTICLE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FORMS, PROCESSES, AND REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE ARTICLE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; AND TO REPEAL ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES THERAPEUTIC RESEARCH.

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