

## Session 121 - (2015-2016)

### H 3405 General Bill, By Whipper and R.L. Brown

#### **Summary:** Magistrate jurisdiction

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 15-78-100, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO WHEN AND WHERE TO COMMENCE AN ACTION AND THE REQUIREMENT OF A SPECIAL VERDICT TO SPECIFY PROPORTIONATE LIABILITY UPON MULTIPLE DEFENDANTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN CAUSES OF ACTION MUST BE FILED IN MAGISTRATES COURT; TO AMEND SECTION 15-78-120, RELATING TO LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY, THE PROHIBITION AGAINST THE RECOVERY OF PUNITIVE OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES OR PREJUDGMENT INTEREST, AND AN ATTORNEY'S SIGNATURE ON PLEADINGS, MOTIONS, OR OTHER PAPERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY BE REPRESENTED BY A DEPARTMENT MANAGER, STAFF PERSON, OR ANOTHER OFFICIAL IN CERTAIN ACTIONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 22-3-20, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE MAGISTRATES COURT IN A CIVIL ACTION, SO AS TO INCREASE THE JURISDICTION FOR CERTAIN CLAIMS BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THE TORT CLAIMS ACT.

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