

## Session 124 - (2021-2022)

**H 3518 General Bill, By Willis, McCravy, Gilliam, McGarry, Burns, V.S. Moss, Pope, Forrest, B. Cox, Haddon, Trantham, Oremus, Magnuson, J.E. Johnson, Bailey, Long, Huggins, G.R. Smith, Bennett, Thayer, Hiott, Taylor, Calhoun and Yow**

**Similar (S 0811, S 1130, H 4776)**

**Summary:** Medical Ethics and Diversity Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "MEDICAL ETHICS AND DIVERSITY ACT"; BY ADDING CHAPTER 139 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO SET FORTH FINDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING THE RIGHT OF CONSCIENCE IN THE HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY; TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS; TO AUTHORIZE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS, HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS, AND HEALTH CARE PAYERS NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN HEALTH CARE SERVICES THAT VIOLATE THE PRACTITIONER'S OR ENTITY'S CONSCIENCE AND TO PROTECT THESE INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES FROM CIVIL, CRIMINAL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE LIABILITY AND FROM DISCRIMINATION FOR EXERCISING THEIR PERSONAL RIGHT OF CONSCIENCE, WITH EXCEPTIONS; TO CREATE A PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION FOR MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS, HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS, AND HEALTH CARE PAYERS FOR VIOLATION OF THE CHAPTER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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<b>12/16/20</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs</b>
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<b>01/13/21</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Trantham, Oremus, Magnuson, J.E.Johnson, Bailey, Long, Huggins</b>
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<b>02/04/21</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hiott</b>
<b>02/10/21</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Taylor</b>
<b>02/18/21</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Calhoun</b>
<b>01/12/22</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Yow</b>