

Session 116 - (2005-2006)

H*3778 (Rat #0189, Act #0144 of 2005) General Bill, By Harrison, Wilkins, Cato, W.D. Smith, Merrill, Jennings, J.E. Smith and Chellis

Summary: Tort Reform Act of 2005

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 15-32-220, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO LIMITATIONS ON NONECONOMIC DAMAGES IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE ACTIONS AGAINST A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, SO AS TO INCLUDE HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS; TO REDESIGNATE SECTION 38-79-155 AS SECTION 38-75-775; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38-75-775, RELATING TO MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE COVERAGE, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE PROVISIONS OF THE SECTION APPLY TO PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE CARRIERS ISSUING MEDICAL MALPRACTICE POLICIES OF INSURANCE, TO CLARIFY THE QUALIFIED APPLICANT MUST ALSO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 75, TITLE 38, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE SECTION DO NOT MANDATE THAT AN INSURANCE COMPANY MUST WRITE MEDICAL MALPRACTICE COVERAGE. - ratified title

03/15/05 House Introduced, read first time, placed on calendar without reference HJ-158

03/15/05 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Chellis

03/16/05 House Requests for debate-Rep(s). Jennings, JE Smith, Scott, Hosey, Ott, Funderburk, Clyburn, Weeks, Phillips, Breeland, Moody-Lawrence, Scarborough, Kennedy, Cato, Harrison, Cotty, JH Neal, Viers, Govan, Coates, GR Smith, and FN Smith HJ-12

03/16/05 House Amended HJ-17

03/16/05 House Read second time HJ-32

03/16/05 House Roll call Yeas-85 Nays-2 HJ-32

03/17/05 House Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-2

03/22/05 Senate Introduced and read first time SJ-9

03/22/05 Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary SJ-9

05/26/05 Senate Recalled from Committee on Judiciary

05/31/05 Senate Amended SJ-37

05/31/05 Senate Read second time SJ-37

06/01/05 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments SJ-25

06/01/05 Scrivener's error corrected

06/02/05 House Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled HJ-59

06/02/05 Ratified R 189

06/07/05 Signed By Governor

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06/13/05 Effective date See Act for Effective Date

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