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S 0395 General Bill, By Hutto and Shealy

Summary: Marriage; minimum age

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 20-1-100, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE MINIMUM AGE A PERSON MAY ENTER INTO MARRIAGE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A MARRIAGE ENTERED INTO BY AN INDIVIDUAL YOUNGER THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE IS VOID AB INITIO; TO AMEND SECTION 20-1-290, RELATING TO THE WILFUL FAILURE OF THE LICENSE-ISSUING OFFICER TO COMPLY WITH LAWS RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF MARRIAGE LICENSES, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO CODE SECTIONS REPEALED BY THIS BILL; TO REPEAL SECTION 20-1-250, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF A MARRIAGE LICENSE TO APPLICANTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIXTEEN AND EIGHTEEN WITH PARENTAL OR GUARDIAN CONSENT, SECTION 20-1-260, RELATING TO THE PROOF OF AGE REQUIRED FOR A MINOR APPLICANT, AND SECTION 20-1-300, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF A MARRIAGE LICENSE TO AN UNMARRIED FEMALE AND MALE UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE WHEN THE FEMALE IS PREGNANT OR HAS BORNE A CHILD, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON YOUNGER THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE CANNOT ENTER INTO MARRIAGE IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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