

## Session 121 - (2015-2016)

**H 4037 General Bill, By Horne, King, McCoy, G.A. Brown, Hill and Putnam**

***Similar (S 0672)***

**Summary:** Medical Marijuana Program Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PALLIATIVE USE OF MARIJUANA BY CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WITH CERTAIN DISEASES AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS; TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS TO ACT AS DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS IN ORDER TO ASSIST QUALIFYING PATIENTS WITH THE PALLIATIVE USE OF MARIJUANA; TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN MEDICAL PROVIDERS TO RECOMMEND THE PALLIATIVE USE OF MARIJUANA UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; TO CREATE A CONFIDENTIAL REGISTRY THROUGH WHICH TO ISSUE IDENTIFICATION CARDS TO REGISTERED PATIENTS AND REGISTERED CAREGIVERS; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DEFENSES AND OTHER PROTECTIONS TO, AMONG OTHERS, REGISTERED PATIENTS, REGISTERED CAREGIVERS, MEDICAL PROVIDERS, LICENSED DISPENSARY AGENTS, LICENSED GROWERS, AGENTS OF LICENSED PROCESSORS, AGENTS OF CERTIFIED REVERSE DISTRIBUTORS, AND AGENTS OF CERTIFIED LABORATORY TESTING FACILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF DISPENSARIES, PROCESSORS, AND GROWERS TO CULTIVATE, GROW, AND DISPENSE MARIJUANA FOR PALLIATIVE PURPOSES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF REVERSE DISTRIBUTORS TO ENSURE SAFE DISPOSAL PRACTICES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SEED-TO-SALE ELECTRONIC MONITORING SYSTEM TO TRACK MARIJUANA COMPONENTS FROM CULTIVATION TO POINT OF SALE; TO REQUIRE TESTING OF MARIJUANA PRODUCTS BEFORE SALE TO PROTECT PATIENT HEALTH; TO PROVIDE FOR CERTIFICATION OF TESTING LABORATORIES; TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN FEES; TO CREATE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THE TERMS OF 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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**04/19/16 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: G.A.Brown**

**05/04/16 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hill, Putnam**