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**H 4565 General Bill, By Easterday, Barrett, Beck, Campsen, Cooper, Davenport, Fleming, Hamilton, Harrell, Harrison, Haskins, Hinson, Kirsh, Koon, Leach, Limehouse, Mason, McGee, J.D. McMaster, Meacham, Quinn, Rice, Robinson, Rodgers, Sandifer, Simrill, R. Smith, Stille, Stuart, Trotter, Vaughn, Woodrum and W.J. Young**

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-20, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PUNISHMENT FOR MURDER AND THE SEPARATE SENTENCING PROCEEDING TO DETERMINE WHETHER A PERSON CONVICTED OF MURDER MUST BE SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT, A MANDATORY MINIMUM TERM OF IMPRISONMENT FOR THIRTY YEARS, OR DEATH, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SENTENCING JUDGE HAS DISCRETION TO IMPOSE EITHER OF THESE SENTENCES DESPITE THE SENTENCING JURY'S RECOMMENDATION EXCEPT WHEN THE SENTENCING JURY FINDS AN AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCE AND RECOMMENDS DEATH.

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