

## Session 113 - (1999-2000)

### H\*4743 (Rat #0390, Act #0326 of 2000) General Bill, By D. Smith and Rodgers

**Summary:** Safe Haven for Abandoned Babies Act, Minors, Medical, Hospitals, Social Services Department

A BILL TO ENACT THE "SAFE HAVEN FOR ABANDONED BABIES ACT" INCLUDING PROVISIONS TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 20-7-85 SO AS TO REQUIRE A HOSPITAL OR HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT FACILITY TO TAKE POSSESSION OF A CHILD VOLUNTARILY DELIVERED BY THE CHILD'S PARENT WHEN THE PARENT DID NOT EXPRESS AN INTENT TO RETURN FOR THE CHILD; TO PROVIDE ANONYMITY FOR THE PARENT AND CHILD BUT TO ALLOW THE HOSPITAL OR FACILITY TO REQUEST MEDICAL INFORMATION; TO REQUIRE THE HOSPITAL OR FACILITY TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES THAT A CHILD HAS BEEN TAKEN INTO POSSESSION; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CARE AND CUSTODY OF THE CHILD; AND TO GRANT A PARENT IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION FOR UNLAWFUL CONDUCT OR CRUELTY TOWARDS A CHILD OR ANY OTHER VIOLATION FOR LEAVING THE CHILD IF THE PARENT LEAVES THE CHILD WITH THE HOSPITAL OR FACILITY PERSONNEL, THE CHILD IS NO MORE THAN THIRTY DAYS OLD, AND THE CHILD HAS NOT SUSTAINED ANY PHYSICAL HARM OR INJURY.

03/07/00	House	Introduced and read first time HJ-15
03/07/00	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary HJ-15
04/19/00	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary HJ-17
04/26/00	House	Amended HJ-62
04/26/00	House	Read second time HJ-65
04/27/00	House	Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-12
04/27/00	Senate	Introduced, read first time, placed on calendar without reference SJ-4
05/02/00	Senate	Amended SJ-27
05/02/00	Senate	Read second time SJ-27
05/03/00	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments SJ-19
05/09/00	House	Senate amendment amended HJ-50
05/09/00	House	Returned to Senate with amendments HJ-52
05/17/00	Senate	Non-concurrence in House amendment SJ-22
05/17/00	House	House insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Reps. D. Smith, Harris and Campsen HJ-122
05/23/00	Senate	Conference committee appointed Sens. Bryan, Anderson, Short SJ-15
05/30/00	House	Conference report received and adopted HJ-38
05/30/00	Senate	Conference report received and adopted SJ-31
05/30/00	Senate	Ordered enrolled for ratification SJ-31
05/31/00		Ratified R 390
06/06/00		Signed By Governor
06/14/00		Effective date 06/06/00
06/14/00		Copies available
06/14/00		Act No. 326