

Session 116 - (2005-2006)

H 4808 General Bill, By Harrison and McLeod

Summary: Emergency Health Powers Act

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-4-130, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE "EMERGENCY HEALTH POWERS ACT", SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITIONS OF "QUALIFYING HEALTH CONDITION" AND "TRIAL COURT"; TO AMEND SECTION 44-4-530, RELATING TO ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE OF INDIVIDUALS AND PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE, SO AS TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES OF A MAXIMUM FINE OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS OR THIRTY DAYS IN PRISON, OR BOTH, FOR NONCOMPLIANCE, TO PROVIDE THAT AN EMPLOYER MAY NOT FIRE OR DISCRIMINATE AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE SUBJECT TO ISOLATION OR QUARANTINE ORDERS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT AN EMPLOYER MAY REQUIRE AN EMPLOYEE SUBJECT TO ISOLATION OR QUARANTINE TO USE ANNUAL OR SICK LEAVE TO COMPLY WITH SUCH AN ORDER; TO AMEND SECTION 44-4-540, RELATING TO ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE PROCEDURES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEFORE THE DECLARATION OF A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE ORDERS ISSUED MUST BE UNDERTAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EMERGENCY HEALTH POWERS ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 44-4-570, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT AND USE OF IN-STATE AND OUT-OF-STATE HEALTH PERSONNEL IN A STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT LAW PERTAINING TO GOVERNMENT VOLUNTEERS AND COVERAGE UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA TORT CLAIMS ACT APPLIES TO SUCH PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY VOLUNTEERS, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL LIABILITY FOR THESE VOLUNTEERS AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

03/14/06	House	Introduced and read first time HJ-42
03/14/06	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary HJ-43
04/19/06	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: McLeod
04/19/06	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary HJ-45
04/20/06		Scrivener's error corrected
04/25/06	House	Amended HJ-69
04/25/06	House	Read second time HJ-70
04/26/06	House	Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-15
04/26/06	Senate	Introduced and read first time SJ-12
04/26/06	Senate	Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs SJ-12
05/18/06	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Medical Affairs SJ-35
05/19/06		Scrivener's error corrected
05/24/06	Senate	Amended SJ-41
05/24/06	Senate	Read second time SJ-41
05/31/06	Senate	Amended SJ-123
05/31/06	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments SJ-123
06/01/06	House	Senate amendment amended HJ-35
06/01/06	House	Returned to Senate with amendments HJ-35
06/01/06	Senate	Non-concurrence in House amendment SJ-18
06/01/06	House	House insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Reps. Harrison, Delleney, and Scott HJ-211
06/01/06	Senate	Conference committee appointed Hayes, Short, and Scott SJ-20