

## Session 122 - (2017-2018)

### H 5403 General Bill, By Long

**Summary:** SC Fetal Heartbeat Protection from Abortion Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA FETAL HEARTBEAT PROTECTION FROM ABORTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROHIBIT ABORTIONS UPON DETECTION OF A FETAL HEARTBEAT WITH EXCEPTIONS, TO REQUIRE PHYSICIANS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS THE PRESENCE OF A HEARTBEAT BEFORE PERFORMING AN ABORTION ON A PREGNANT WOMEN AND TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF THE TESTING TO THE PREGNANT WOMAN, TO CREATE CRIMINAL PENALTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; BY ADDING SECTION 44-41-90 SO AS TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO FETAL BODY PARTS AND TO CREATE CRIMINAL PENALTIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44-41-10, RELATING TO ABORTION-RELATED DEFINITIONAL TERMS, SO AS TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR 'FETAL BODY PART' AND OTHER TERMS.

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