

## Session 123 - (2019-2020)

**H 5488 General Bill, By Taylor, Yow, Chumley, Haddon, Morgan, Long, Magnuson, McCravy, Burns, G.R. Smith, Hiott, Trantham, B. Cox, Forrest, Hardee, Jones, Allison and Oremus**

***Similar (S 1200, S 1203, S 1213)***

**Summary:** Governor's powers; declared emergency; provide General Assembly must authorize state of emergency past 15 days

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 25-1-440, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GOVERNOR DURING A DECLARED EMERGENCY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY SHALL NOT CONTINUE FOR A PERIOD OF MORE THAN FIFTEEN DAYS WITHOUT THE PASSAGE OF A JOINT RESOLUTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY EXPRESSLY APPROVING THE DECLARATION'S CONTINUATION, TO PROVIDE THAT UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S ORIGINAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION, HE MAY NOT DECLARE A NEW STATE OF EMERGENCY BASED UPON THE SAME OR SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES AS THE ORIGINAL DECLARATION WITHOUT THE PASSAGE OF A JOINT RESOLUTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY EXPRESSLY APPROVING THE NEW EMERGENCY DECLARATION, TO REQUIRE THE GOVERNOR TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEFORE CONTINUING A DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY OR DECLARING A NEW STATE OF EMERGENCY BASED UPON THE SAME OR SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES AS THE ORIGINAL DECLARATION, AND TO DEFINE RELEVANT TERMS.

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