

Session 113 - (1999-2000)

S 0708 General Bill, By Senate Judiciary

**Summary:** Sexual conduct, battery, fondling; definitions and penalties; Crimes, Sex offenses, Domestic abuse, violence

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST THE PERSON, BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-800, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEFINITION OF SEXUAL CONDUCT INCLUDES LEWD EXHIBITION OF THE FEMALE BREASTS; BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-1600, SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR "SEXUAL BATTERY", "SEXUAL FONDLING", "INTIMATE PARTS", AND "ACTOR"; BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-1610, SO AS TO PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM ENTICING A MINOR UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE TO ENGAGE IN "SEXUAL BATTERY" OR "SEXUAL FONDLING"; BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-1620, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN TEN YEARS' IMPRISONMENT FOR A VIOLATION OF SECTION 16-3-1610; AND TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-1700, RELATING TO HARASSMENT AND STALKING, SO AS TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF HARASSMENT TO INCLUDE ELECTRONIC CONTACT; TO AMEND SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST MORALITY AND DECENCY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEFINITION OF SEXUAL ACTIVITY INCLUDES TOUCHING ONE'S SELF OR ANOTHER PERSON IN AN ACT OF APPARENT SEXUAL STIMULATION OR SEXUAL ABUSE; TO AMEND SECTION 20-4-40, RELATING TO PROTECTION FROM DOMESTIC ABUSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A MAGISTRATE MAY NOT CHARGE A FEE FOR FILING A PETITION FOR AN ORDER FOR PROTECTION FROM DOMESTIC ABUSE; TO AMEND SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO ADD CERTAIN OFFENSES TO THE LIST OF OFFENSES FOR WHICH A PERSON MUST REGISTER.

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