

## Session 110 - (1993-1994)

### **S 0749 General Bill, By Leatherman, Giese, McGill, Peeler and J.V. Smith**

#### ***Similar (H 4171)***

A Bill to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by enacting the "South Carolina Comprehensive Health Care Reform Act of 1993" by adding Articles 4, 6, and 8 to Chapter 7, Title 44 so as to provide for health care cooperative agreements, to regulate self-referral of patients by health care professionals, and to direct the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control to develop clinical practice guidelines; by adding Articles 7, 9, and 11 to Chapter 11, Title 1 so as to provide for health care cost containment, to provide for a transition to universal health insurance coverage, and to provide for education and training of health care professionals; by adding Article 3 to Chapter 70, Title 38 so as to provide for medical review criteria, by adding Article 13 to Chapter 71, Title 38 so as to provide standards and requirements for individual and group health benefit plans; by adding Chapter 47 to Title 15 so as to provide in medical malpractice actions for court-ordered arbitration, binding arbitration agreements, periodic payments of judgments, and procedures and evidence in these actions; by amending Section 15-48-10, relating to validity of arbitration agreements, so as to provide that the Uniform Arbitration Act applies to certain medical malpractice actions, by amending Section 38-70-15, relating to the applicability of utilization reviews of health care resources and services, so as to make it applicable to insurance companies, administrators of insurance benefit plans, and health maintenance organizations; by designating Section 38-70-10 through 38-70-60 as Article 1 of Chapter 70, Title 38 and naming it "private review agents"; and by repealing Sections 38-71-120, 38-71-140, 38-71-210, 38-71-325, 38-71-350, 38-71-360, 38-71-760, 38-71-770, 38-71-780, and Sections 38-71-910 through 38-71-1110 relating to accident and health insurance.

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