

Session 115 - (2003-2004)

S 0783 General Bill, By Grooms

Summary: Creation of offense of companion animal hoarding, definitions, provisions; animal cruelty

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 47-1-30 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF COMPANION ANIMAL HOARDING, TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR THE OFFENSE, AND TO REQUIRE A PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF A PERSON CONVICTED OF COMPANION ANIMAL HOARDING; TO AMEND SECTION 47-1-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS USED IN THE CHAPTER, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERMS "COMPANION ANIMAL" AND "PET"; TO AMEND SECTION 47-1-75, RELATING TO IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR A PERSON WHO PROVIDES EMERGENCY TREATMENT OR CARE TO AN ANIMAL, SO AS TO INCLUDE COMPANION ANIMAL HOARDING; TO AMEND SECTION 47-1-130, RELATING TO ARREST FOR A VIOLATION OF THE LAW PROHIBITING CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, SO AS TO INCLUDE COMPANION ANIMAL HOARDING; TO AMEND SECTION 47-1-150, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO SEARCH WARRANTS, MOTIONS REGARDING CUSTODY OF AN ANIMAL, NOTICE, CARE, DISPOSAL, AND RETURN OF AN ANIMAL, SO AS TO INCLUDE COMPANION ANIMAL HOARDING; AND TO AMEND SECTION 47-1-170, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION OF THE CHAPTER, SO AS TO INCLUDE ANIMALS THAT ARE HOARDED.

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