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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED

March 7, 2012

**S. 1062**

Introduced by Senators Bryant, Verdin, Grooms, Bright, Shoopman and Rose

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Read the first time January 10, 2012.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 24 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE STATE PRISON SYSTEM, BY ADDING SECTION 24‑3‑83 TO PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FROM USING STATE FUNDS OR STATE RESOURCES TO PROVIDE A PRISONER WITH SEXUAL REASSIGNMENT SURGERY OR HORMONAL THERAPY.

Amend Title To Conform

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 3, Title 24 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 24‑3‑83. (A) As used in this section:

(1) ‘Hormonal therapy’ means the use of hormones to stimulate the development or alteration of a person’s sexual characteristics in order to alter the person’s physical appearance so that the person appears more like the opposite gender.

(2) ‘Sexual reassignment surgery’ means a surgical procedure to alter a person’s physical appearance so that the person appears more like the opposite gender.

(B) The Department of Corrections is prohibited from using state funds or state resources to provide a prisoner in the state prison system sexual reassignment surgery; however, if a person is taking hormonal therapy at the time the person is committed to the Department of Corrections, the department shall continue to provide this therapy to the person as long as medically necessary for the health of the person.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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