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Summary: Construction Contract Extensions

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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1/10/2023 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 206](h:\sj\20230110.docx))

1/10/2023 Senate Referred to Committee on **Transportation** ([Senate Journal‑page 206](h:\sj\20230110.docx))

1/19/2023 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Transportation** ([Senate Journal‑page 7](h:\sj\20230119.docx))

2/14/2023 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 9](h:\sj\20230214.docx))

2/14/2023 Senate Roll call Ayes-42 Nays-0 ([Senate Journal‑page 9](h:\sj\20230214.docx))

2/15/2023 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 6](h:\sj\20230215.docx))

2/16/2023 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 20](h:\hj\20230216.docx))

2/16/2023 House Referred to Committee on **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 20](h:\hj\20230216.docx))

3/1/2023 House Committee report: Favorable **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 34](h:\hj\20230301.docx))

3/7/2023 House Requests for debate-Rep(s). Ott, McDaniel, Thigpen, Rivers, Alexander, Bernstein, Bauer, JA Moore, Tedder, Pendarvis, Jefferson, JL Johnson, May, AM Morgan, Wheeler, Weeks, Anderson, Hosey, Erickson, Hixon, Blackwell, Magnuson, Williams ([House Journal‑page 29](h:\hj\20230307.docx))

3/8/2023 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 68](h:\hj\20230308.docx))

3/8/2023 House Roll call Yeas-107 Nays-0 ([House Journal‑page 69](h:\hj\20230308.docx))

3/9/2023 House Read third time and enrolled ([House Journal‑page 37](h:\hj\20230309.docx))

3/15/2023 Ratified R 4

3/20/2023 Signed By Governor

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[03/01/2023](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess125_2023-2024/prever/361_20230301.docx)

(A2, R4, S361)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 57‑5‑1630, RELATING TO THe EXTENSION OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE department of transportation COMMISSION IS NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE PREAPPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT EXTENSIONS AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION MUST RATIFY EXTENSIONS AT THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING.

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

Department of Transportation

SECTION 1. Section 57‑5‑1630 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 57‑5‑1630. No construction contract may be extended to include work not contemplated in the original award, except within the limitations imposed by the contract. Where in the judgment of the Secretary of the Department of Transportation it is in the public's interest and prices advantageous to the department are obtained, the department may extend contracts to include additional work. In every case, the commission must ratify the contract extension at the next succeeding commission meeting. Advertisement in the case of extensions of contracts under this section shall consist of detailed reports of the transactions made public at open meetings of the commission.

Time effective

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

Ratified the 15th day of March, 2023.

Approved the 20th day of March, 2023.

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