

## Session 125 - (2023-2024)

**H 3989 General Bill, By Ott, G.M. Smith, Cobb-Hunter, Ligon, Kirby, Haddon, Oremus, Brewer, Gagnon, Sandifer, Weeks, Williams, Henegan, Bauer, Forrest, Jefferson, Wheeler, Anderson and Calhoon**

**Summary:** Solar, Agricultural, Farmland and Environmental Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "SOLAR, AGRICULTURAL, FARMLAND, AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACT"; TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITIONS; TO ESTABLISH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY FACILITIES; TO ESTABLISH THE CERTIFICATE APPLICATION PROCESS; TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR HEARINGS REGARDING THE CERTIFICATE APPLICATION; TO ESTABLISH THE PARTIES TO A CERTIFICATION PROCEEDING; TO REQUIRE A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO CONSOLIDATE THE REPRESENTATION OF PARTIES WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS; TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S DECISION REGARDING AN APPLICATION; TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO ISSUE AN ORDER WITHIN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS FROM THE DATE THE APPLICATION IS FILED; TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF COSTS FOR THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR A FILED APPLICATION; AND TO CREATE THE AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND VIABILITY PROTECTION FUND.

02/16/23	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 17)
02/16/23	House	Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry (House Journal-page 17)
05/03/23	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Labor, Commerce and Industry (House Journal-page 9)
05/04/23	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Williams, Henegan
05/09/23	House	Debate adjourned until Wed., 5-10-23 (House Journal-page 20)
05/10/23	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bauer, Forrest
05/10/23	House	Debate adjourned until Thur., 5-11-23 (House Journal-page 17)
05/11/23	House	Debate adjourned until Tues., 1-9-24 (House Journal-page 22)
01/09/24	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Jefferson
01/10/24	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Wheeler
01/10/24	House	Debate adjourned until Tues., 1-23-24 (House Journal-page 45)
01/23/24	House	Debate adjourned until Tues., 2-6-24 (House Journal-page 15)
01/23/24	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Anderson, Calhoon
02/06/24	House	Debate adjourned until Mon., 2/19/24 (House Journal-page 18)
02/27/24	House	Debate adjourned until Mon., 3/18/24 (House Journal-page 38)
03/19/24	House	Recommitted to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry (House Journal-page 13)