

## Session 121 - (2015-2016)

### H 4105 General Bill, By Neal

**Summary:** Department of the Environment

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 8 TO TITLE 48 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS GOVERNING BOARD, MANAGEMENT, AND OPERATIONS, INCLUDING DEVOLVING UPON THE DEPARTMENT CERTAIN DUTIES, FUNCTIONS, AND POWERS PREVIOUSLY EXERCISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, ESTABLISHING A MERIT REVIEW PROCESS FOR THE REVIEW OF THE QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO PROMOTE "ONE STOP" ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT SHOPPING; TO AMEND SECTION 48-1-20, RELATING TO THE STATE'S ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC POLICY, SO AS TO UPDATE THE STATE'S PUBLIC POLICY AND TO TRANSFER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 48-39-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO COASTAL TIDELANDS AND WETLANDS, SO AS TO UPDATE DEFINITIONS TO INCLUDE THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 48-39-35, RELATING TO COASTAL TIDELANDS AND WETLANDS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE COASTAL DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND TO DEFINE THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THIS DIVISION; TO AMEND SECTION 48-39-50, RELATING TO COASTAL TIDELANDS AND WETLANDS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO RENAME THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND TO ADD THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT TO THE LIST OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 1-30-45, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO TRANSFER THE POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, NOTWITHSTANDING TRANSFERS TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS UNDER SECTION 48-8-530; TO AMEND SECTION 44-1-20, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, SO AS TO REPLACE REFERENCES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND TO ADD NEW QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE APPOINTED MEMBERS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSFER OF RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; TO PROVIDE TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO REGULATIONS; TO PROVIDE TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO EMPLOYEES, ASSETS AND LIABILITIES; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 48-39-40 RELATING TO THE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT APPELLATE PANEL.

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