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S 0428 General Bill, By Hayes, Leventis, Gregory, Peeler, Short, Sheheen, Courson and Campsen *Similar (H 3578)*

Summary: Water Withdrawal, Permitting , Use, and Reporting Act

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 4, TITLE 49, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY REDESIGNATING THE CHAPTER AS THE "SOUTH CAROLINA WATER WITHDRAWAL, PERMITTING, USE, AND REPORTING ACT", SO AS TO MAKE CERTAIN DECLARATIONS REGARDING THE STATE'S REGULATION OF RIPARIAN RIGHTS, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS, TO SPECIFY SPECIFIC EXEMPTIONS FROM THE CHAPTER, TO PROVIDE THAT USE OF THE WATERS OF THE STATE ON NONRIPARIAN LAND IS LAWFUL AND REQUIRES EQUAL CONSIDERATION WITH A USE ON A RIPARIAN LAND IN AN ADMINISTRATIVE OR JUDICIAL PROCEEDING RELATING TO AN ALLOCATION, WITHDRAWAL, OR USE OF WATER, OR TO A MODIFICATION OF A WATER RIGHT, AND VARIOUS PROVISIONS REGARDING THE PERMITTING AND REGULATION OF SURFACE WATER WITHDRAWERS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL SHALL PROMULGATE A REGULATION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, TITLE 49, RELATING TO SURFACE WATER WITHDRAWAL, PERMITTING, AND REPORTING, TO ESTABLISH A FEE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER, AND TO PROVIDE THAT UNTIL THE NEW REGULATION IS PROMULGATED, REGULATION 61-113, RELATED TO GROUNDWATER USE AND REPORTING, MUST REMAIN IN EFFECT; AND TO REPEAL CHAPTER 21, TITLE 49, RELATING TO THE INTERBASIN TRANSFER OF WATER.

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- 03/18/08 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment Agriculture and Natural Resources SJ-5
- 03/18/08 Senate Recommitted to Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources SJ-5
- 04/02/08 Senate Committee report: Majority favorable with amend., minority unfavorable Agriculture and Natural Resources SJ-6
- 04/03/08 Scrivener's error corrected