

Session 115 - (2003-2004)

H 4383 General Bill, By Koon and Frye

Summary: Agriculture Department authorized to charge private entries for testing and retain revenue to offset expenses

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 46-1-160 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CHARGE PRIVATE ENTITIES FOR TESTING AND CERTIFYING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND TO RETAIN THIS REVENUE TO OFFSET EXPENSES INCURRED IN PROVIDING THIS SERVICE; TO AMEND SECTION 39-9-65, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REGISTERING SERVICEPERSONS FOR COMMERCIAL WEIGHING AND MEASURING DEVICES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A TWENTY-FIVE DOLLAR REGISTRATION FEE, THE REVENUE FROM WHICH MUST BE USED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THIS REGISTRATION PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 39-9-68, RELATING TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN CONNECTION WITH WEIGHTS AND MEASURES SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO CHARGE FEES FOR CALIBRATIONS PERFORMED FOR PRIVATE ENTITIES AND TO RETAIN THIS REVENUE TO OFFSET EXPENSES FOR PROVIDING THIS SERVICE; TO AMEND SECTION 39-22-150, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS GUARANTY FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE MAY RETAIN AND EXPEND FIFTY-THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE FUND AS NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER THE FUND; AND TO AMEND SECTION 46-21-40, RELATING TO LICENSE TAXES ON CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL, VEGETABLE, AND FLOWER SEEDS OFFERED FOR SALE AND LICENSES TO CONDUCT SUCH BUSINESS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A SLIDING FEE SCALE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THESE LICENSES BASED ON THE PER YEAR DOLLAR VOLUME OF THE GROSS BUSINESS RECEIPTS OF THE APPLICANT AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SHALL RETAIN THE REVENUE FROM THESE FEES, OTHER THAN THAT REMITTED TO THE GENERAL FUND OR STATE TREASURER, FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES.

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