

## Session 114 - (2001-2002)

**H 5121 General Bill, By J.H. Neal**

***Similar (S 1186)***

**Summary:** Natural resources, DHEC to implement long-range strategy for preserving and protecting

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 48-1-25 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A LONG-RANGE STRATEGY FOR PRESERVING AND PROTECTING THE STATE'S NATURAL RESOURCES, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT IN EVERY MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING ACTION TO CERTIFY THAT THE ACTIVITY OR PROJECT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S LONG-RANGE STRATEGY, TO PROVIDE AREAS OF CONSIDERATION BY THE DEPARTMENT IN TAKING SUCH PERMITTING ACTION, AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROMOTE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN ITS DECISION-MAKING PROCESS BY PROVIDING PUBLIC NOTICE OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 44-1-20, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT AND BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, SO AS TO PRESCRIBE CERTAIN FACTORS THAT MUST BE CONSIDERED IN APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BOARD; AND TO AMEND SECTION 48-1-50, RELATING TO THE POWERS OF THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE POLLUTION CONTROL ACT, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PAST ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE HISTORY OF AN APPLICANT WHEN MAKING A PERMIT DECISION.

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