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**H. 4563**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

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Summary: Special purpose districts

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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11/16/2023 House Prefiled

11/16/2023 House Referred to Committee on **Judiciary**

1/9/2024 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 83](h:\hj\20240109.docx))

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3/6/2024 House Committee report: Favorable **Judiciary** ([House Journal‑page 7](h:\hj\20240306.docx))

3/20/2024 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 46](h:\hj\20240320.docx))

3/20/2024 House Roll call Yeas-109 Nays-0 ([House Journal‑page 46](h:\hj\20240320.docx))

3/21/2024 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 30](h:\hj\20240321.docx))

3/26/2024 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 7](h:\sj\20240326.docx))

3/26/2024 Senate Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 7](h:\sj\20240326.docx))

4/8/2024 Senate Referred to Subcommittee: M.Johnson (ch), Sabb,
Talley, Adams, Devine

5/1/2024 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 12](h:\sj\20240501.docx))

5/8/2024 Committee Amendment Adopted

5/8/2024 Senate Read second time

5/8/2024 Senate Roll call Ayes-44 Nays-0

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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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Committee Report

May 01, 2024

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Introduced by Reps. Bernstein, J. L. Johnson and Clyburn

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The committee on Senate Judiciary

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 4563) to amend the South Carolina Code of Laws by adding Section 6-11-345 so as to clarify the power of special purpose districts to own, acquire, purchase, hold, use, etc., respectfully

Report:

That they have duly and carefully considered the same, and recommend that the same do pass:

LUKE RANKIN for Committee.

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A bill

TO amend the South Carolina Code of laws by adding section 6-11-345 so as to CLARIFY THE POWER OF SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS TO OWN, ACQUIRE, PURCHASE, HOLD, USE, LEASE, CONVEY, SELL, TRANSFER, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF PROPERTY IN FURTHERANCE OF CERTAIN FUNCTIONS, TO PROVIDE THESE POWERS ARE IN ADDITION TO POWERS AND AUTHORIZATIONS PREVIOUSLY VESTED IN SUCH DISTRICTS, AND DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 11, Title 6 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 6‑11‑345. A special purpose district may own, acquire, purchase, hold, use, lease, convey, sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of property, real, personal, or mixed, or any interest therein in furtherance of all functions committed to such special purpose districts pursuant to an act of the General Assembly or general law. The powers and authorizations conferred upon special purpose districts by this section shall be in addition to all other powers and authorizations previously vested in such special purpose districts. For the purposes of this section, “special purpose district” means any district, however named, created by or pursuant to an act of the General Assembly before March 7, 1973, and to which has been committed before March 7, 1973, any governmental function, including those districts created by special legislation and those districts created by referenda held pursuant to general legislation.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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