

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
NATURAL RESOURCES & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE
PROVISO CHANGES FOR CONSIDERATION FOR FY 2026-27

SECTION 42 - L320 - HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

- 42.7 CARRIED OVER / ADD** (HFDA: Workforce Housing) **WMC:** ADD proviso to authorize the Authority to utilize funds appropriated in this act or expend federal or other funds for the Made it Home! Program. Directs the authority to create the program guidelines and criteria for awarding distributions and allows the authority to establish a separate fund in order to carry out this program. Requires the authority to submit a report to the Governor and the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees on the program's details by June 30. Sponsor: Rep. Stavrinakis
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.
SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: CARRIED OVER.

42.7. (HFDA: Workforce Housing) (A) The Housing Finance and Development Authority is authorized to use any appropriated funds in this act for the Made it Home! Program to address the lack of affordable home ownership across the state by facilitating the new construction of affordable single family homes. The authority is authorized to expend federal or other funds for the same purpose.

(B) The authority shall:

(1) develop program guidelines, reporting requirements, down payment assistance and homebuyer eligibility requirements; and

(2) establish the criteria for awarding distribution to participating partners that includes qualifications, experience, market analysis, construction plans, specifications, timeliness of completion, and capacity.

(C) The authority may establish a fund separate and distinct from the general funds of the State that consists of monies received or authorized under this provision and any other sources of revenue, public or private, including donations for the purpose of the program. The interest, repayment, or other increments resulting from investment must be deposited into the fund. Unexpended funds may be carried forward and expended for the same purposes, including any prior appropriations received for the purpose of this program. The funds appropriated in Act No. 69 of 2025, by proviso 118.16(39) may be carried forward for this purpose.

(D) The authority may receive reimbursements for the costs or expenses incurred in the administration and operation of the Made it Home! Program from the funds authorized or appropriated in this provision.

(E) The authority shall submit a report to the Governor, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee detailing the awards made, participating partners, homes constructed and purchased, and the program's overall impact by June 30 of the current fiscal year.

SECTION 43 - P120 - FORESTRY COMMISSION

- 43.7 AMEND** (FC: Response to Declared Emergencies) Directs that if a declared emergency requires a response by the South Carolina Forestry Commission pursuant to Section 25-1-440, the State Treasurer and Comptroller General can use funds from the Disaster Trust Fund to cover costs, if available. Directs that if the Disaster Trust Fund is insufficient, the General Fund may be used, with a cap of \$3,000,000 transferred to the commission. Directs that notification be made to the Governor, Senate Finance Committee Chairman, and House Ways & Means Committee Chairman after any transfer and any reimbursed funds will be returned to the original fund, up to the amount initially provided.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update the cap amount.

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HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT proviso as amended.

43.7. (FC: Response to Declared Emergencies) In the event of a declared emergency pursuant to Section 25-1-440 requiring the response of the South Carolina Forestry Commission, the State Treasurer and the Comptroller General are hereby authorized and directed to pay from the Disaster Trust Fund of the State such funds as necessary to cover the costs incurred, if available. In the event the Disaster Trust Fund is exhausted or does not have a balance sufficient to cover the incurred costs, the General Fund of the State may be utilized. The total amount transferred to the South Carolina Forestry Commission shall not exceed ~~\$3,000,000~~\$5,000,000. Upon any transfer of funds, the State Treasurer and the Comptroller General shall notify the Governor, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. Any funds reimbursed to the State shall be deposited in the respective fund from which it was transferred, up to the amount of funds advanced to the South Carolina Forestry Commission for these activities.

SECTION 44 - P160 - DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

44.14 **ADD** (AGRI: Carryforward Certified SC School Cafeteria Funds) **WMC:** ADD proviso to allow the department to carry forward unspent Certified SC School Cafeteria funds from prior fiscal years into the current year for the same purpose. Directs that these carried-forward funds are excluded from the base used to calculate the agency's 10% general fund carry-forward limit.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT new proviso.

44.14. (AGRI: Carry Forward Certified SC School Cafeteria Funds) The Department of Agriculture is authorized to carry forward any unexpended funds from the \$1,000,000 in recurring Certified SC School Cafeteria funding from previous fiscal years into the current fiscal year to be expended for the same purpose. Any Certified SC School Cafeteria funds carried forward are not considered part of, and should not be deducted from, the base for purposes of calculating the agency's general fund appropriations ten percent carry forward amount, as provided for in this act.

44.rfp **CONFORM TO FUNDING / ADD** (AGRI: Retail Food Civil Penalties) **SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** CONFORM TO FUNDING / ADD new proviso to allow the department to retain \$580,000 of the civil penalties assessed for retail food for the costs associated with the Retail Food Safety and Compliance program.

44.rfp. (AGRI: Retail Food Civil Penalties) The Department of Agriculture may retain up to \$580,000 of retail food civil penalties assessed for violations of Regulation 61-25 to defray any costs associated with the Retail Food Safety and Compliance Program. The department shall remit any funds for this purpose exceeding \$580,000 to the general fund.

SECTION 45 - P200 - CLEMSON UNIVERSITY - PSA

45.10 **AMEND** (CU-PSA: Regulatory Services Programs) Directs the PSA to lead the effort to eradicate the Asian Longhorned Beetle. Directs that all revenues and recoveries from USDA-APHIS shall be retained by the PSA Regulatory Services Program to carry out program operations.

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WMC: AMEND proviso to add the Yellow Legged Hornet to the list of species.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT proviso as amended.

45.10. (CU-PSA: Regulatory Services Programs) For the current fiscal year, Clemson University Public Service Activities shall lead state and federal eradication efforts of the Asian Longhorned Beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*) *and the Yellow Legged Hornet (*Vespa velutina*)*. All revenues and recoveries from USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) for Clemson University PSA's Regulatory Services Programs and its departments shall be retained by Clemson University-PSA's Regulatory Services Program for purposes of carrying out the operation of its programs.

SECTION 47 - P240 - DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

47.19 CONFORM TO FUNDING / AMEND (DNR: Deer Processing Pilot Program) Allows funds appropriated to the department to be utilized to create a pilot program awarding grants to deer processors who agree to process antlerless deer without a fee to the hunter, with the purpose of harvesting antlerless deer in areas where they impact the agriculture sector. States the processors must agree to donate the processed meat to non-profit organizations. Requires a report to be provided to the Chairmen of SFC and HWM on the implementation of the program and the grants awarded by June 30.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update calendar year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: CONFORM TO FUNDING.

47.19. (DNR: Deer Processing Pilot Program) Funds appropriated to the Department of Natural Resources for the Pilot Deer Donation Program shall be used for the creation and implementation of a deer processing pilot program. This program shall be designated to incentivize the harvesting of antlerless deer in areas that are having impacts on the agriculture sector of the State's economy. The grants to processors will allow hunters to deliver antlerless deer to the processors without a processing fee if the deer is to be donated as established by the department in the grant. The department is authorized to create a program and provide grants year-round to deer processors in this state. Grants shall only be provided to deer processors who agree to donate the processed meats to non-profit organizations. The department shall establish a fee structure to be paid to cooperating deer processors before awarding grants. The department may contract with vendors without competition. A report shall be provided by the department to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees by June 30, ~~2026~~2027, on the implementation of the pilot program and the grants awarded.

47.20 AMEND NEW PROVISO (DNR: Invasive Plant Eradication) **WMC:** ADD proviso to authorize DNR to establish a pilot program to identify and eradicate specific newly established invasive plant species. Allows the department to utilize other provided funds for the program and for the department's personnel to perform invasive species control work on public and private lands, providing landowners consent and without fees charged. Sponsor: Rep. Lowe

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND new proviso to add "written consent."

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47.20. (DNR: Invasive Plant Eradication) The Department of Natural Resources is authorized to establish a Pilot Early Detection and Rapid Response (EDRR) program to identify and eradicate newly established invasive plant species. These are species that have been found to be reproducing in South Carolina, outside of cultivation, only within the last decade, i.e., newly arrived, non-native species. For this purpose, the department may utilize funds provided by other state or federal agencies to hire staff and procure equipment and supplies. Department personnel are authorized to perform invasive species control work on both public and private lands, provided that work on those properties is conducted only with the written consent of the landowner. No fees shall be charged to landowners for participation in this program.

- 47.21** **ADD** (DNR: Delisting Initiative) **WMC:** ADD proviso to authorize DNR to conduct recovery and management activities on lands to advance federal delisting objectives for the relict Trillium. Provides the criteria for the activities and requires written consent of the landowners. Sponsor: Rep. Lowe
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.
SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT new proviso.

47.21. (DNR: Delisting Initiative) To advance the federal delisting objectives for the relict Trillium (Trillium reliquum), the Department of Natural Resources is authorized to conduct recovery and management activities on public and private lands. Authorized activities include botanical surveys, exotic species control, and the establishment of new populations through propagation and transplanting. These activities may be supported by federal, private, or other non-state funds. Work on private property shall be conducted only with the written consent of the landowner, and no fees shall be charged to the landowner for these services.

SECTION 48 - P260 - SEA GRANT CONSORTIUM

- 48.3** **DELETE NEW PROVISO** (SGC: Return of Funds) **WMC:** ADD proviso to direct the Sea Grant Consortium to remit any nonrecurring funds appropriated to the general fund in the event they receive any federal NOAA funds received by the Sea Grant Consortium.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.
SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE new proviso.

~~48.3. (SGC: Return of Funds) For the current fiscal year, if the Sea Grant Consortium (SGC) receives federal funds from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), any nonrecurring funds appropriated in this act shall be remitted to the State Treasurer and credited to the General Fund by June 30, 2027.~~

SECTION 49 - P280 - DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM

- 49.19** **AMEND NEW PROVISO** (PRT: Local Film Carry Forward) Directs the SC Film Commission to carry forward and expend funds to allow \$2 million for film project rebate opportunities to be available to local producers whose budgets are \$250,000 to \$999,999. Provides the requirements for qualifications of the rebate program.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update the fiscal year reference.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND new proviso to change the fiscal year reference to the current fiscal year.

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49.19. (PRT: Local Film Carry Forward) (A) Any unexpended funds authorized or appropriated to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism for the South Carolina Film Commission may be carried forward. ~~For Fiscal Year 2025-26~~~~2026-27~~ For the current fiscal year, up to two million dollars of these carried forward funds shall be used to create a pilot program whereby:

(B) An entity may apply to receive a state rebate with a project budget of a minimum of \$250,000 and maximum of \$999,999. Organizations certifying the satisfaction of the following requirements may receive a state rebate for 25% of all production costs, including wages and supplies, after a cumulative audit from the South Carolina Department of Revenue and the South Carolina Film Commission. The requirements are as follows:

(1) producer must be registered with both the South Carolina Secretary of State and the South Carolina Department of Revenue;

(2) producer must be a primary resident of South Carolina with a minimum of two years of residency in this State;

(3) all production activity must be physically in South Carolina;

(4) all producers' personal and corporate income taxes must be current;

(5)(i) applicant must disclose the fiduciarily responsible parties with existing production;

(ii) the production funds must be in a separate account and be used exclusively for the production;

(6) production must have full funding prior to producing; and

(7) production must include a five-second long static or animated official FilmSC logo in the end credits before the below-the-line crew crawl for the life of the project and a link to filmsc.com on the production's web page.

(C) Upon application approval, production-based activity must begin within 60 calendar days. Once an application is approved by the South Carolina Film Commission, the project must be completed and funds expended within three years of the approval date. The final rebate will be distributed to the production company on record.

49.23 **ADD** (PRT: Regional Promotions Carry Forward) **WMC:** ADD proviso to allow the department to carry forward funds allocated to Regional Promotions to be used for the same purpose.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT new proviso.

49.23. (PRT: Regional Promotions Carry Forward) The department may carry forward any prior year unexpended general operating funds allocated to Regional Promotions. The funds carried forward must be used for the same purpose.

49.24 **ADD** (PRT: Post Production Carry Forward) **WMC:** ADD proviso to direct that unexpended funds for the South Carolina Film Commission may be carried forward, with up to \$2 million used in FY 2026-27 to establish a pilot program. Eligible projects with budgets between \$250,000 and \$9,999,999 may receive a state rebate of 20% for post-production conducted outside South Carolina or 25% for post-production conducted in South Carolina, provided all post-production occurs in-state through registered, tax-compliant vendors and projects meet application, audit, and completion requirements.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND new proviso to change the fiscal year reference to the current fiscal year.

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49.24. (PRT: Post-Production Carry Forward) (A) Any unexpended funds authorized or appropriated to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism for the South Carolina Film Commission may be carried forward. ~~For Fiscal Year 2026-27~~ For the current fiscal year, up to two million dollars of these carried forward funds shall be used to create a pilot program.

(B) An entity may apply to receive a state rebate with a project budget of a minimum of \$250,000 and maximum of \$9,999,999. Organizations certifying the satisfaction of the following requirements may receive a state rebate for 20% of all post-production costs for projects filmed outside of South Carolina and 25% for all post-production costs filmed in South Carolina, after a cumulative audit from the South Carolina Department of Revenue and the South Carolina Film Commission. The requirements are as follows:

(1) all post-production activity must be physically in South Carolina, and the vendor must:

(i) have a physical address with a storefront and business sign; and

(ii) be registered with the South Carolina Secretary of State.

(2) post-production vendor must be registered to pay South Carolina income tax, withholding tax, property tax, and sales tax, if applicable;

(3) post-production activity includes wages and supplies for editing, sound design, scoring, and VFX;

(4) all post-production vendors' corporate income taxes must be current;

(5) applicant must disclose the fiduciarily responsible parties with existing production;

(6) the post-production funds must be in a separate account and be used exclusively for the post-production; and

(7) upon application approval, post-production-based activity must begin within 60 calendar days. Once an application is approved by the South Carolina Film Commission, the project must be completed and funds expended within three years of the approval date. The final rebate will be distributed to the post-production company on record.

SECTION 50 - P320 - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

50.22 DELETE (CMRC: Emergency Services Pilot) Creates a pilot program in the department for funding projects that increase a local government's emergency services capacity and capability. Provides for the requirements of funding eligibility and requires the department to provide an update by January 15 to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee and Ways and Means Committee until all funds are expended. Allows unexpended funds to be carried forward and expended for the same purposes.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT deletion.

50.22. (CMRC: Emergency Services Pilot) ~~There is established a pilot program within the Department of Commerce named the Public/Private Partnerships—Emergency Services Fund for the purpose of funding projects that increase a local government's emergency services capacity and capability. Every project must involve investment and participation by both private companies and local governments in order to be eligible for funding. The Department of Commerce will provide an annual update by January 15 of each year to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee and House Ways and Means Committee until all funds are expended. Any unexpended funds at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried forward and expended in the current fiscal year for the same purposes.~~

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50.25 DELETE (CMRC: Sustainable Aviation Fuel Production) Appropriates up to \$250,000 to partner with a public research institution to conduct a study on the viability of sustainable aviation fuel production. Provides for the composition and requirements of the study.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT deletion.

50.25. (CMRC: Sustainable Aviation Fuel Production) ~~In Fiscal Year 2024-2025, from the funds appropriated to the Department of Commerce, up to \$250,000 shall be expended to partner with a public research institution located in this State to conduct a study to determine the viability of sustainable aviation fuel production (SAF) in South Carolina. The study must include, but is not limited to:~~

~~(1) identification of the leading pathways for supplying SAF at scale and what infrastructure does South Carolina need to put in place to ensure a supply of SAF to both commercial and military facilities;~~

~~(2) identification of the sources of raw materials for biofuel within South Carolina;~~

~~(3) the economic potential for South Carolina to capture some of the production market for SAF, including the potential to create new jobs;~~

~~(4) the range for production costs;~~

~~(5) identification of the current processes currently available to produce biofuel;~~

~~(6) identification of any state led or federal initiatives and how they may apply to the implementation of a similar, scalable program in South Carolina;~~

~~(7) identification of the lifecycle cost of inputs (feedstock, fossil fuel, energy costs of production) for the production of biofuel;~~

~~(8) identification of price points for both the producer and end user defined by current and future markets;~~

~~(9) identification of the current production capacity and any useable facilities that may be re-purposed or scaled to meet potential demand for biofuel;~~

~~(10) identification of air transport industry initiatives for use and demand for biofuel;~~

~~(11) identification of what risk reduction measures or financial support mechanisms that are available from the federal government;~~

~~(12) identification of any barriers to entry, such as policy or regulatory constraints;~~

~~(13) identification of the capability of the fuel handling companies for storage of biofuel and the capacity in the existing transport systems; and~~

~~(14) identification of downside risks.~~

50.26 CONFORM TO FUNDING / DELETE (CMRC: Commerce NBIF Loan) **WMC:** ADD proviso to direct that up to 25% of excess debt services funds shall be used to pay down the intra-agency loan to Palmetto Railways and shall be transferred to the Department of Commerce.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: CONFORM TO FUNDING / DELETE new proviso.

~~50.26. (CMRC: Commerce NBIF Loan) Of the excess debt service funds available in the current fiscal year, up to twenty five percent (25%) of said amount shall be used to pay down the intra-agency loan made to Palmetto Railways related to the Navy Base Intermodal Facility and shall be transferred to the Department of Commerce.~~

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50.27 **ADD** (CMRC: Nuclear Advisory Council) **WMC:** ADD proviso to direct the Office of Regulatory Staff to reimburse the Department of Commerce for Nuclear Advisory Council expenses from the SC Energy’s Office radioactive waste funds.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT new proviso.

50.27. (CMRC: Nuclear Advisory Council) The Office of Regulatory Staff shall reimburse the South Carolina Department of Commerce for expenses associated with the Governor's Nuclear Advisory Council from the South Carolina Energy Office's radioactive waste funds.

50.28 **CONFORM TO FUNDING / ADD** (CMRC: Rural Development)) **WMC:** ADD proviso to direct the department to use funds for rural development for Tier III and IV counties and opportunity zones in Tier I and II counties. Directs that maximum awards are \$1,500,000 and require a 10% match.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: CONFORM TO FUNDING / ADOPT new proviso.

50.28. (CMRC: Rural Development) In the current fiscal year, the Department of Commerce shall utilize funds appropriated for Rural Development for projects in Tier III and Tier IV counties, as well as census tracts that qualify as Opportunity Zones in Tier I and Tier II counties. Maximum awards for these Community and Rural Development projects are \$1,500,000 and will require a minimum 10% match. The Department of Commerce will provide an annual report to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee and House Ways and Means Committee until all funds are expended.

50.eI **ADD** (CMRC: Expenditure Limitations) **SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADD proviso to prohibit the department from entering into open-ended incentive agreements or contracts. Directs that all agreements must include a defined maximum expenditure amount, representing the total funding authorized for the project.

50.eI. (CMRC: Expenditure Limitations) For the current fiscal year, the Department of Commerce shall not enter into open-ended incentive agreements or contracts. Any incentive agreement or contract executed by the Department of Commerce must specify a maximum expenditure amount, which shall represent the total funds the department is authorized to expend on the development and completion of a particular project.

50.fI **ADD** (CMRC: Funding Limitations) **SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADD proviso to direct that the department is limited to using only funds appropriated in this act to complete projects authorized under Act 3 of 2023. Directs that all related expenditures must be made solely from these appropriations and used in accordance with their designated purpose.

50.fI. (CMRC: Funding Limitations) For the current fiscal year, the Department of Commerce shall not utilize any funding source other than amounts appropriated in this act to complete, in whole or in part, any project promulgated under Act 3 of 2023. All expenditures related to completing such projects shall be limited solely to funds appropriated by the General Assembly in this act and shall be expended only in the matter in which they are appropriated.

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SECTION 54 - P450 - RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY

- 54.7** **ADD** (RIA: Aiken Wastewater Treatment Plant Regional Assessment & Master Plan) **WMC:** ADD proviso to direct the county to complete an evaluation of long-term regional wastewater treatment needs and to provide the evaluation to the Aiken and Edgefield County Legislative Delegation by November 2, 2026. Sponsor: Rep. Moss
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.
SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT new proviso.

54.7. (RIA: Aiken Wastewater Treatment Plant Regional Assessment & Master Plan) Of the funds granted to Aiken County from the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Regional Assessment and Master Plan, the county shall complete the evaluation of long-term regional wastewater treatment needs including an analysis of financial, managerial, and operational capacity, in collaboration with the study advisory committee, and in accordance with the terms and conditions as set forth in the grant agreement by November 2, 2026, and provide the evaluation to the Aiken and Edgefield County Legislative Delegations by the same date. Should the evaluation not be completed in full by this date, the funds shall be remitted back to the Authority.

SECTION 88 - Y140 - STATE PORTS AUTHORITY

- 88.1** **AMEND** (SPA: Charleston Cooper River Bridge Project) Directs the State Ports Authority to pay the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank \$1,000,000 before June 30, 2026 to continue the Charleston Cooper River Bridge Project.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update calendar year references.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT proviso as amended.

88.1. (SPA: Charleston Cooper River Bridge Project) The State Ports Authority shall, from other general fund or operating fund surplus available and any funds appropriated to the authority in prior fiscal years and left unexpended as of July 1, ~~2025~~2026, pay to the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank one million dollars before June 30, ~~2026~~2027, to continue the Charleston Cooper River Bridge Project.

SECTION 92D - D300 - OFFICE OF RESILIENCE

- 92D.1** **AMEND** (SCOR: Catastrophic Weather Event) Directs that improvements to real or personal property used as a residence, such as a mobile home or manufactured housing unit, resulting from damage caused by the catastrophic weather event in October 2015, Hurricane Matthew of 2016, Hurricane Florence of 2018, or Hurricane Helene of 2024 made after the event and before June 30, 2026, is not considered an improvement and may not be reassessed at a higher rate as a result of the improvement. Directs that for the current fiscal year, an eligible property's tax value shall remain the same unless an assessable transfer of interest occurs.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update calendar year reference and to include any other program funded by the Disaster Relief and Resilience Reserve Fund for property improvements. Directs that when a weather event leads to a new home replacing a damaged mobile or manufactured home, the property may be reassessed, but any increase may not exceed the prior personal property tax value of the demolished unit. Directs that the reassessed value remains unchanged for the current fiscal year unless an assessable transfer of interest occurs.

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HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT proviso as amended.

92D.1. (SCOR: Catastrophic Weather Event) (A) Any improvements made to real property or personal property used as a residence, such as a mobile home or manufactured housing unit, damaged during the catastrophic weather event in October 2015, Hurricane Matthew of 2016, Hurricane Florence of 2018, or Hurricane Helene of 2024, after the event and before June 30, ~~2026~~2027, is not considered an improvement and may not be reassessed at a higher rate as a result of the assistance provided. This provision only applies if, as a result of the catastrophic weather event, the improvements made to the property were funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Program implemented by the Office of Resilience, or its predecessor, the Disaster Recovery Office, ~~or~~ the Office of Resilience's Rapid Rebuild Program, or any other program funded by the Disaster Relief and Resilience Reserve Fund. This provision also applies if, at the discretion of the county and using qualifications determined by the county, the improvements were made with the assistance of a volunteer organization active in disaster, or a similar volunteer organization.

(B) During the current fiscal year, the property tax value of an eligible property shall remain the same unless an assessable transfer of interest occurs. No refund is allowed on account of values adjusted as provided in this provision.

(C) The property tax value may be reassessed at a higher rate in the event of a real property improvement, resulting from a weather event listed above, wherein a new house is built to replace a damaged mobile home or manufactured housing unit previously taxed as personal property; however, any increase to the real property tax value, as a result of the reassessment, may not exceed the value of the most recent personal property tax assessment for the demolished mobile home or manufactured housing unit. The reassessed value shall remain the same for the current fiscal year unless an assessable transfer of interest occurs.

92D.5 CONFORM TO FUNDING / ADD (SCOR: Captain Sam's Spit) **HOU:** ADD proviso to direct the funds for the acquisition of property or settlement litigation related to Captain Sam's Spit to expire at the end of the fiscal year, and may not be carried forward. Sponsor: Rep. White
SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: CONFORM TO FUNDING.

92D.5. (SCOR: Captain Sam's Spit) Any funds appropriated or authorized in this act for the acquisition of property or settlement of litigation related to Captain Sam's Spit shall expire at the end of the fiscal year and may not be carried forward or reauthorized without the approval of the General Assembly through subsequent legislation.

SECTION 117 - X900 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

117.173 CARRIED OVER / DELETE (GP: Rice Fields and Wetlands Pilot Program) Directs the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, DNR, and the Office of Resilience to collaborate to create the Rice Fields and Wetlands Pilot Program. Provides the requirements of the program and directs that a progress report be submitted to the General Assembly by 6/30/26.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: CARRIED OVER / DELETE proviso.

~~117.173. (GP: Rice Fields and Wetlands Pilot Program) (A) For Fiscal Year 2025-26, the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, Department of Natural Resources, and the~~

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~~Office of Resilience shall collaborate to create the Rice Fields and Wetlands Pilot Program. The purpose of this program is to evaluate the creation of permits for reconstructing defunct rice fields and managed wetlands for the purposes of conservation, wildlife management, and flood mitigation.~~

~~(B) The pilot program shall:~~

~~(1) create certain eligibility criteria that properties are required to fit to participate in the program;~~

~~(2) establish the fee of the permit;~~

~~(3) allow up to one hundred properties that fit the specified criteria to participate; and~~

~~(4) utilize the revenue derived from the fee of the experimental permit for the cost of the pilot program.~~

~~(C) A progress report on the viability of the permit program shall be submitted to the General Assembly no later than June 30, 2026.~~

117.185 DELETE (GP: Evaluation of Agribusiness & Agricultural Marketing Services) Directs the Department of Agriculture, Clemson University PSA, and South Carolina State PSA to evaluate their roles in using state funds for agribusiness and agricultural marketing initiatives. The review will cover fund usage for development, education, research, and technical support, analyze service areas and populations, and identify any overlaps. Directs that a report of the findings shall be provided to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees by June 30, 2026.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update calendar year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE proviso.

~~**117.185.** (GP: Evaluation of Agribusiness & Agricultural Marketing Services) The Department of Agriculture, Clemson University Public Service Activities, and South Carolina State Public Service Activities shall jointly undertake an evaluation of their respective roles in the administration and expenditure of state funds related to agribusiness and agricultural marketing programs and initiatives. This evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, each agency's utilization of state appropriated funds to support agribusiness development, agricultural marketing, agricultural education, research, technical assistance, and related services; an analysis of the geographic areas and populations served by each agency's programs; and the identification of any overlapping or duplicative efforts among the entities. The results of this evaluation shall be provided as a written report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee by June 30, 2026/2027.~~

117.187 DELETE (GP: Coordination of Disaster Mitigation Efforts) Directs the Office of Resilience and the Department of Natural Resources to evaluate the disaster types each agency addresses and identify any overlapping efforts. Directs both agencies to create a coordinated strategy for spending disaster planning and mitigation funds and delivering services. Directs that a joint report of these findings shall be submitted to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees by June 30, 2026.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year and calendar year references.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE proviso.

~~**117.187.** (GP: Coordination of Disaster Mitigation Efforts) For Fiscal Year 2025-26/2026-27, the Office of Resilience and the Department of Natural Resources shall collaborate to evaluate and report on the spectrum of disaster types each agency plans and mitigates for statewide, as~~

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~~well as any overlap in these disaster type specific efforts. Based on this evaluation, the agencies shall develop a coordinated approach to the expenditure of disaster planning and mitigation funds and service delivery, eliminating redundancies in addressing the same types of disasters. A joint report detailing the evaluation's findings, including identified disaster types and overlaps, and any resulting recommendations, shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee by June 30, 2026/2027.~~

117.188 DELETE (GP: Safe Home Program) Directs the Department of Insurance to collaborate with the Office of Resilience to evaluate the Safe Homes Program. Directs that a report with findings and recommendations, including potential statutory changes or funding needs, shall be provided to the General Assembly by June 30, 2026.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update the calendar year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE proviso.

~~**117.188.** (GP: Safe Homes Program) (A) The Department of Insurance shall collaborate with the Office of Resilience to evaluate the operation of the Safe Homes Program and determine if all available funds are being fully accessed and made available for grants and used appropriately based on the current and projected needs of the State regarding home weatherization. The department shall submit a report to the General Assembly by June 30, 2026/2027, detailing the evaluation's findings and providing recommendations to enhance the program's effectiveness. The recommendations may include, but are not limited to, proposed statutory changes and additional funding requirements as deemed necessary.~~

~~—(B) For the current fiscal year, any funds appropriated for the Safe Homes Program shall be supplemental to the program's existing funding sources.~~

117.tpc ADD (GP: Third Party Civil Liability) **SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADD new proviso to direct the Attorney General to investigate potential civil liability of any third party connected with a project promulgated under Act 3 of 2023 and allows the Attorney General to pursue civil causes of action if found. Requires the Attorney General to report on the status of the investigation and provide a final report.

117.tpc. (GP: Third Party Civil Liability) For the current Fiscal Year, the Attorney General shall investigate potential civil liability on the part of any third party in connection with any project promulgated under Act 3 of 2023. If the Attorney General determines that reasonable grounds exist to believe a third party bears civil liability to the State, the Attorney General is authorized and directed to pursue civil causes of action against such party. The Attorney General shall report on the status of the investigation to the Governor, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee no later than January 1, 2027, and shall provide a final report upon conclusion of the investigation.

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SECTION 47 - P240 - DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

47.cmr CONFORM TO FUNDING / ADD (DNR: Coastal and Marine Resource Center Planning Study) **SFC SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION:** CONFORM TO FUNDING / ADD proviso to direct DNR to collaborate with College of Charleston to develop a proposal to establish a new Coastal and Marine Resource Center. Provides the requirements of the proposal and requires it to be submitted by January 1st to the Chairmen of Senate Finance and House Ways and Means.

47.cmr. (DNR: Coastal and Marine Resource Center Planning Study) (A) From the funds appropriated to the Department of Natural Resources for the Coastal and Marine Resource Center, the department shall collaborate with the College of Charleston to develop a comprehensive proposal for the establishment of a new Coastal and Marine Resource Center.

(B) The proposal shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) a detailed project timeline, including planning, design, permitting, and construction phases;

(2) a comprehensive cost estimate and funding plan;

(3) an evaluation of potential sites for the new center, and

(4) a plan for the disposition, redevelopment, or continued use of any facilities or property currently utilized for this purpose.

(C) The Department of Natural Resources shall submit the completed proposal to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee no later than January 1, 2027.

SECTION 88 - Y140 - STATE PORTS AUTHORITY

88.plf ADD (SPA: Funds for Site in Jasper County) **SFC SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION:** ADD proviso to direct that up to \$1.8 million in previously appropriated Jasper Ocean Terminal funds must be distributed by the South Carolina State Ports Authority to the Southern Carolina Regional Development Alliance, subject to Department of Commerce approval. Directs that the funds will support professional services to analyze and negotiate with key agencies and to advance development of commercial or industrial facilities on designated dredged material sites along the Savannah River.

88.plf. (SPA: Funds for Site in Jasper County) Of the funds previously appropriated to the South Carolina State Ports Authority (SCSPA) in the Jasper Ocean Terminal Facility Permitting and Infrastructure Fund, SCSPA is directed to distribute up to \$1,800,000 to the Southern Carolina Regional Development Alliance (SCRDA) in installments and subject to the approvals described below. These funds are for SCRDA's service as intermediary and provider on behalf of a coalition of its interested member counties with economic interests in the development of land in Jasper County adjacent to and in the vicinity of the Savannah River, and the funds shall be used to procure legal, financial, engineering, and other professional services necessary to: (1) analyze, and to the extent appropriate, engage in negotiations with the SCSPA, the Georgia Ports Authority (GPA), the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps); and (2) facilitate and enable the construction of commercial and/or industrial facilities on one or more of the seven Dredged Material Containment Areas (DMCAs) designated in the Corps' Savannah Harbor Dredged Material Management Plan (DMMP), all of which are currently encumbered by a perpetual spoil easement held by the Corps and used for disposal of materials dredged from the Savannah River.

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Before receiving any funds from SCSPA, SCRDA shall submit a written request to the Department of Commerce for review and written approval of the proposed distribution. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. SCRDA shall provide copies of both the written request and the Department of Commerce's written approval to SCSPA prior to any distribution of funds.

SECTION 117 - X900 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

117.scr ADD (GP: Scout Motor Site Cost Review) SFC SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION: ADD proviso to direct the Legislative Audit Council and Office of the Inspector General to jointly review cost overruns tied to the Scout Motors project, including validating the \$150 million request, assessing project management and environmental due diligence, examining decision-making and disclosure of overruns, and identifying potential cost recovery and needed reforms. Directs that the review must also detail payment obligations, risks of default, and the nature of remaining costs. Agencies must fully cooperate, and any evidence of liability must be referred to the Attorney General and the State Ethics Commission with notification to the Chairmen of Senate Finance and House Ways and Means. Directs that a joint report is due within 120 days of the effective date of the act, and no funds may be spent on the request until the report is submitted and reviewed by the General Assembly.

117.scr. (GP: Scout Motor Site Cost Review) (A) With the funds appropriated in this act, the Legislative Audit Council (LAC) and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) shall jointly review cost overruns associated with the Scout Motors manufacturing site in Blythewood, Richland County, for which the Department of Commerce has requested a \$150 million general fund appropriation.

(B) The review shall address: (1) the accuracy of the \$150 million figure and the risk of further cost growth; (2) the adequacy of the Department of Commerce's original environmental due diligence and consultant qualifications; (3) when the Department of Commerce or its agents received notice that the original mitigation package was inadequate, and what action was taken; (4) the prudence of commencing upland construction before the federal wetlands permit issued, including the decision to retain rather than demobilize heavy equipment during the five-month permit suspension; (5) the itemized basis for the road overruns, distinguishing scheduling disruption from estimation error; (6) whether the Governor, Senate Finance Committee, or House Ways and Means Committee were informed of the overrun before the January 2026 public disclosure by the Department of Commerce; (7) whether the incentive contract or any professional liability remedy provides a basis to recover overrun costs from responsible parties; and (8) what systemic reforms to the Department of Commerce's project management, environmental due diligence, and legislative reporting practices are needed to prevent recurrence.

(C) The LAC and OIG shall also determine: (1) a complete payment schedule identifying each payee, the legal basis, amount, and deadline for each obligation; (2) the amount owed to South Carolina Department of Transportation and whether that interagency obligation warrants the same urgency as payments to private parties; (3) the amount attributable to future environmental remediation, its projected payment schedule, and whether a phased appropriation would satisfy all contractual obligations; (4) whether any portion of the \$150 million reflects contingent or unincurred costs; and (5) whether any obligations are in default or at imminent risk of default and the amount required to cure or prevent that default.

(D) All state agencies shall cooperate fully and produce requested records within fifteen days. The LAC and OIG shall have access to all contracts, invoices, correspondence, consultant reports, and permitting and communications records related to the project.

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(E) Where evidence of potential legal liability is found, the LAC or OIG shall make appropriate referrals to the Attorney General, State Ethics Commission, or other authorities and notify the Chairmen of Senate Finance and House Ways and Means within ten days.

(F) A joint written report shall be delivered to the Chairmen of Senate Finance and House Ways and Means, the Governor, and the Attorney General within 120 days of the effective date of this act. No funds shall be expended to satisfy the \$150 million request until the report has been delivered and the General Assembly has had an opportunity to consider its findings.

117.fmc. ADD (GP: Flood Mapping Coordination) SFC SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION: Add proviso to direct DNR, SCOR, and EMD to coordinate all flood mapping and related data efforts. Directs the agencies to consult each other to streamline efforts and establish a joint data-sharing protocol to make data available to each agency. Establishes DNR as the lead coordinating agency and requires a report to be submitted describing the efficiency activities and the data-sharing protocol by January 1.

117.fmc. (GP: Flood Mapping Coordination) With the funds appropriated in this act, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Office of Resilience, and the Emergency Management Division shall coordinate all flood mapping and flood-related data efforts to eliminate duplicative work and ensure efficient use of state resources. Before initiating any new flood mapping project or data collection initiative, the agencies shall consult with one another to determine whether the work overlaps with ongoing or planned efforts and, where practicable, consolidate such efforts. The agencies shall establish a joint data-sharing protocol making all flood-related data available to each agency for both long-term planning and real-time emergency response operations. DNR, as lead coordinating agency, shall report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee no later than January 1, 2027, describing each agency's flood mapping activities, the data-sharing protocol established, instances in which coordination eliminated duplicative work, and any recommended statutory or regulatory changes to improve interagency coordination.