

## Session 126 - (2025-2026)

**H\*3021 (Rat #0268, Act #0251 of 2026) General Bill, By Bradley, G.M. Smith, Herbkersman, Lawson, B. Newton, Wooten, C. Mitchell, Pope, Guffey, Neese, Martin, Chapman, Pedalino, McCravy, Chumley, W. Newton, Taylor, Hewitt, Schuessler, Davis, M.M. Smith, Long, Sanders, Teeple, Gagnon, Hixon, Erickson, Hager, Ballentine, Calhoon, Holman, Moss, Gilreath, Gilliam, Rankin, Vaughan, B.L. Cox, Ligon, Oremus, Hartz, Guest, Crawford, Robbins, Forrest, Magnuson, Willis, Brewer, Gibson and Hiott**

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**Summary:** Small Business Regulatory Freedom Act

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FREEDOM ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-115, RELATING TO ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR REGULATIONS SUBMITTED FOR PROMULGATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF REGULATIONS WITH AN ESTIMATED ECONOMIC IMPACT OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS OR MORE OVER A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-120, RELATING TO THE REGULATORY REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT, SO AS TO REMOVE OBSOLETE PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-270, RELATING TO REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSES UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT, SO AS TO REMOVE OBSOLETE PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-380, RELATING TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF AGENCY DECISIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE DE NOVO REVIEW OF STATUTES AND REGULATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-610, RELATING TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT FINAL DECISIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE DE NOVO REVIEW OF STATUTES AND REGULATIONS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR PERIODIC LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL REVIEW OF AGENCY REGULATIONS AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF STATE AGENCIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-15-60, RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING AND OTHER RELATED CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-110, RELATING TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT RELATED SUBMISSIONS MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-280, RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL NONVOTING LEGISLATIVE EX OFFICIO MEMBERS. - RATIFIED TITLE

12/05/24	House	Prefiled
12/05/24	House	Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry
01/14/25	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 69)
01/14/25	House	Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry (House Journal-page 69)
01/15/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Schuessler, Davis, M.M.Smith
02/04/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Teeple
02/11/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Gagnon, Hixon
02/19/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Erickson, Hager, Ballentine, Calhoon, Ligon, Holman, Moss, Gilreath, Gilliam, Rankin, Vaughan, B.L.Cox
02/25/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Oremus, Hartz
02/26/25	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Labor, Commerce and Industry (House Journal-page 3)
02/27/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Guest, Crawford, Robbins
02/27/25		Scrivener's error corrected
03/04/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Forrest, Magnuson, Willis
03/04/25	House	Requests for debate-Rep(s). B Newton, Forrest, Hixon, Hiott, Oremus, Martin, Brewer, BL Cox, JE Johnson, Harris, Cromer, Robbins, Whitmire, Weeks, Gilliam, TA Moore (House Journal-page 22)
03/05/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Brewer, Gibson, Hiott
03/05/25	House	Amended (House Journal-page 27)
03/05/25	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 27)
03/05/25	House	Roll call Yeas-111 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 33)
03/06/25	House	Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 38)
03/06/25	House	Roll call Yeas-108 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 39)
03/06/25		Scrivener's error corrected
03/11/25	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 11)
03/11/25	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 11)

04/29/26 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 13)  
05/06/26 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 131)  
05/06/26 Senate Amended (Senate Journal-page 131)  
05/06/26 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal-page 131)  
05/06/26 Senate Roll call Ayes-40 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 131)  
05/07/26 Scrivener's error corrected  
05/07/26 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 16)  
05/12/26 House Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 110)  
05/13/26 House Senate amendment amended (House Journal-page 212)  
05/13/26 House Returned to Senate with amendments (House Journal-page 212)  
05/13/26 House Roll call Yeas-112 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 216)  
05/14/26 Senate Non-concurrence in House amendment (Senate Journal-page 35)  
05/14/26 House House insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Reps. Herbkersman, Bradley, Anderson (House Journal-page 77)  
05/14/26 Senate Conference committee appointed Campsen, Elliott, Ott (Senate Journal-page 40)  
06/25/26 House Conference report received and adopted  
06/25/26 House Roll call Yeas-104 Nays-0  
06/25/26 Senate Conference report received and adopted (Senate Journal-page 86)  
06/25/26 Senate Roll call Ayes-38 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 86)  
06/25/26 Senate Ordered enrolled for ratification (Senate Journal-page 99)  
06/29/26 Ratified R 268  
06/30/26 Signed By Governor  
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