

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

S*0325 (Rat #0223, Act #0221 of 2026) General Bill, By Massey, Alexander, Walker and Zell

Summary: Department of Consumer Affairs

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO ADD THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO THE DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT; BY ADDING SECTION 1-30-145 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSITION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-6-103, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "ADMINISTRATOR," SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR IS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 37-6-104 AND 37-6-117, SECTION 37-6-501 THROUGH SECTION 37-6-510, AND SECTIONS 37-6-602 AND 37-6-604, ALL RELATING TO THE FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO BE REPLACED WITH AN ADMINISTRATOR AS THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES. - RATIFIED TITLE

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| 02/06/25 | Senate | Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 6) |
| 02/06/25 | Senate | Referred to Committee on Banking and Insurance (Senate Journal-page 6) |
| 02/12/25 | | Scrivener's error corrected |
| 04/16/25 | Senate | Committee report: Favorable Banking and Insurance (Senate Journal-page 20) |
| 04/22/25 | | Scrivener's error corrected |
| 02/25/26 | Senate | Read second time (Senate Journal-page 19) |
| 02/25/26 | Senate | Roll call Ayes-41 Nays-1 (Senate Journal-page 19) |
| 02/26/26 | Senate | Read third time and sent to House |
| 03/04/26 | House | Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 8) |
| 03/04/26 | House | Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry (House Journal-page 8) |
| 04/22/26 | House | Committee report: Favorable Labor, Commerce and Industry (House Journal-page 8) |
| 04/23/26 | | Scrivener's error corrected |
| 04/28/26 | House | Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 23) |
| 04/29/26 | House | Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 208) |
| 04/30/26 | House | Debate adjourned until Tues., 5-5-26 (House Journal-page 85) |
| 05/05/26 | House | Requests for debate-Rep(s). Williams, Herbkersman, Reese, MM Smith, Kirby, Brewer, Guest, Garvin, Govan, King, Hosey, Henderson-Myers, McDaniel, Anderson, Gilliard, Vaughan (House Journal-page 22) |
| 05/07/26 | House | Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 45) |
| 05/13/26 | House | Read second time (House Journal-page 198) |
| 05/13/26 | House | Roll call Yeas-91 Nays-9 (House Journal-page 199) |
| 05/14/26 | House | Read third time and enrolled (House Journal-page 53) |
| 05/15/26 | | Ratified R 223 |
| 05/19/26 | | Signed By Governor |
| 06/05/26 | | Effective date 05/19/26 |
| 06/03/26 | | Act No. 221 |