

## Session 126 - (2025-2026)

**H\*3523 (Rat #0005, Act #0001 of 2025) General Bill, By J.E. Johnson, W. Newton, Robbins, Mitchell, Pedalino, Taylor, Long, Bailey, Calhoon, Yow, Weeks, Erickson, Bradley, Hager, Whitmire, Hixon, Cromer, Gilreath, Oremus and Hartz**  
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**Summary:** Organized Retail Crime

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-13-135, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES, SO AS TO REVISE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, TO REVISE THE PREVIOUS OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT, TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME AND ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME OF AN AGGRAVATED NATURE, AND TO PROVIDE A GRADUATED PENALTY STRUCTURE. - RATIFIED TITLE

12/05/24	House	Prefiled
12/05/24	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary
01/14/25	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 233)
01/14/25	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 233)
01/29/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bailey
02/05/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Calhoon
02/06/25	House	Committee report: Favorable Judiciary (House Journal-page 6)
02/12/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Yow, Weeks
02/12/25	House	Debate adjourned until Thur., 2-13-25 (House Journal-page 41)
02/12/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Erickson, Bradley, Hager, Whitmire
02/13/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hixon, Cromer, Gilreath, Oremus, Hartz
02/13/25	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 16)
02/13/25	House	Roll call Yeas-101 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 16)
02/13/25	House	Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day (House Journal-page 18)
02/18/25	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 13)
02/18/25	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 13)
02/19/25	Senate	Recalled from Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 4)
02/19/25		Scrivener's error corrected
02/25/25	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 27)
02/25/25	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 27)
02/25/25	Senate	Roll call Ayes-43 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 27)
02/26/25	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 21)
02/27/25	House	Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled (House Journal-page 35)
02/27/25	House	Roll call Yeas-107 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 36)
03/06/25		Ratified R 5
03/07/25		Signed By Governor
03/12/25		Effective date 03/07/25
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